

## Junior AP English Summer Reading Assignment

Hello students:

We are looking forward to working with you next year in AP English 3. AP English 3 is a great class, one that provides wonderful learning opportunities through a wide variety of literature and writing tasks that will challenge you to think about things in new ways as you grow as readers and writers.

In order to ensure your success at the start of the year you must complete these foundational lessons over the summer. Encompassed within lie ideas that will form the core of things that we will continue to explore and develop throughout the course of the year. You will use your understanding of the ideas contained in the text as the basis for an in-class essay during the first six-weeks of the year.

Come to class the first day of school in August having completed the following tasks:

1. Read and annotate the discussion of Social Contract Theory (See URL below)  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TT7ORrcPOr8BxyL5Ecjb5lUKmRcW8ah7oSVPaJBTe\\_Q/copy](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TT7ORrcPOr8BxyL5Ecjb5lUKmRcW8ah7oSVPaJBTe_Q/copy)
2. Define any words necessary to ensure a full understanding of the ideas.
3. Write a 150 word explanation of Social Contract Theory. Seek to define the theory in its simplest form.
4. Select and read ONE text from the list below. As you read, annotate the book for the following:
  - The ways the book examines the role of government in our lives
  - The ways the book addresses the ways that a family or community is bound together
  - The ways the book heralds the independent lives of its characters
  - The ways the book addresses basic human rights
  - The ways the book explores consequences for violations of other people's rights
  - Any implied connections to the idea of the American Social Contract

### **Book List (Select ONE):**

*The Grapes of Wrath*, by John Steinbeck

*Invisible Man*, by Ralph Ellison

*There, There*; by Tommy Orange

*Empire of the Summer Moon*, by S. C. Gwynne

*The Nickel Boys*, by Colson Whitehead

*The Good Earth*, by Pearl S. Buck