

Briarcliff High School

AP English Language and Composition

2019



Required Summer Reading

All incoming AP English Language and Composition students are expected to read *1984* by George Orwell. Be sure to read the appendix on Newspeak.

Also Required Reference Guide Manual:

A Pocket Style Manual pp. 2-99

A Pocket Style Manual is available from Ms. Mandel. Please pick up your copies in Maresca office #11 or in room 212. You will have to purchase *1984* on your own or take it out from the library. Contact: jmandel@briarcliffschools.org if you need any assistance.

Assignment for 1984:

You will have an assessment on *1984* in the first few weeks of school. As you read *1984*, if you choose, take notes/journal entries since we will be working with the novel for the first weeks of school. Be on the lookout for the following literary terms: appeals to ethos, pathos and logos, parenthesis, point of view, syntax, metaphor, simile, characterization, theme, tone/mood, allegory, allusion, hyperbole, imagery, irony, symbolism, syntax, rhetorical modes or modes of discourse (exposition, argumentation, description, and narration). If you wish, list examples of these terms and where you found them. Pay special attention to Orwell's argument that language controls thought, that people's beliefs can be controlled by political propaganda, and that reality and the past are not fixed entities. **Your notes will not be graded. They are for you.**

Book 2 Assignment for *A Pocket Style Manual*:

ALSO: In the first weeks of September, we will review many of the punctuation rules and grammar concepts in the manual. During the month of September, you will take an exam on *A Pocket Style Manual* to demonstrate a command of the writing skills and strategies addressed in the book. You are not required to take notes, but you are expected to know this material well enough to apply it to your own writing and to pass a test on it. *A Pocket Style Manual* covers the areas of grammar, usage and mechanics. If needed, plan to use the summer time to clear up any nagging problems. Websites such as No Red Ink and Purdue OWL will have exercises. Or, just google the grammar/punctuation term and websites with exercises will come up. You will be expected to master these areas in September in order to apply them to your writing throughout the year.

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Here are the topics we will be covering in detail in September:

Active and passive voice
Parallel structure
Compound structures
Than and then
Shifts in point of view
Tense shifts
Misplaced and dangling modifiers
Subject/verb agreement
Use of conjunctions
Indefinite pronouns
Collective nouns
Plural form, singular meaning
Irregular verbs
Tense agreement
Pronoun-antecedent agreement
Pronoun reference
Personal pronouns
Who and whom
Looked and felt and adverbs vs. adjectives
Sentence fragments
Coordinating conjunctions
Restrictive clauses and non-restrictive clauses or essential vs. non-essential
Parenthetical expressions
Appositives
Transitional expressions
The semi-colon
The colon
The apostrophe
Quotations marks
Titles of works
Fewer vs. less
Affect and effect
The absolute

A weak score on this test and/or a weak summer reading grade will result in a recommendation of alternative placement. You must maintain an 85% or above.

If you're looking for some other good books to read this summer, check out the list below!

Suggested Summer Reading

11th & 12th Grade

Here is a list of suggested books for incoming 11th & 12th grade students. None of these books are required – they're just great books to read and enjoy!

POPULAR TITLES

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| Anderson, Laurie Halse | <i>Shout:</i> Inspired by her fans and enraged by how little in our culture has changed since her groundbreaking novel <i>Speak</i> was first published twenty years ago, Anderson has written a poetry memoir that is as vulnerable as it is rallying, as timely as it is timeless. In free verse, Anderson shares reflections, rants, and calls to action woven between deeply personal stories from her life that she's never written about before. |
| Arnold, Elana K | <i>Damsel:</i> A prince goes on a quest to save the damsel in distress, saves her from the dragon and makes her his queen. Sound familiar? Maybe - but that's not how this story ends. Waking up in the arms of Prince Emory, Ama has no memory of him rescuing her from a dragon's lair, but she soon discovers there is more to the legend of dragons and damsels than anyone knows and she is still in great danger. Printz Honor Book 2019 |
| Brown, Daniel | <i>The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics:</i> Daniel James Brown's robust book tells the story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the boys defeated elite rivals first from eastern and British universities and finally the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler in the Olympic Games in Berlin, 1936. |
| Bryson, Bill | <i>A Short History of Nearly Everything:</i> Nature and science writer Bill Bryson examines some of mysteries of science, and attempts to understand not only what scientists know, but how they know it. Covers the creation of the universe, the size of the Earth, the origins of life, and other topics. |
| Cameron, Peter | <i>Someday This Pain Will be Useful to You:</i> Eighteen-year-old gay teen James wants to use his college money to buy a house in the Midwest. But for now he works in his mother's Manhattan art gallery and falls for a charming older gentleman, and tries to decide what he wants out of life. It's <i>Catcher in the Rye</i> in a different voice--witty, reflective, terse. |
| Coates, Ta-Nehisi | <i>Between the World and Me:</i> Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men--bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its |

burden? This is Ta-Nehisi Coates's attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son.

- Green, John & Levithan, David ***Will Grayson Will Grayson***: When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.
- Handler, Daniel ***Why We Broke Up***: Sixteen-year-old Min Green writes a letter to Ed Slaterton in which she breaks up with him, documenting their relationship and how items in the accompanying box, from bottle caps to a cookbook, foretell the end. *Yes, Daniel Handler is also known as Lemony Snicket, and this may sound like another story of boy meets girl, but it's all in the delivery!* **Printz Honor Book, 2012**
- Harrison, A.S.A. ***The Silent Wife***: Jodi and Todd are at a bad place in their marriage. Much is at stake, including the affluent life they lead in their beautiful waterfront condo in Chicago, as she, the killer, and he, the victim, rush haplessly toward the main event. He is a committed cheater. She lives and breathes denial. He decides to play for keeps. She has nothing left to lose. Told in alternating voices, *The Silent Wife* is about a marriage in the throes of dissolution, a couple headed for catastrophe, concessions that can't be made, and promises that won't be kept.
- Hillenbrand, Laura ***Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption***: A biography of Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, Louis Zamperini, who had been rambunctious in childhood before succeeding in track and eventually serving in the military, which led to a trial in which he was forced to find a way to survive in the open ocean after being shot down.
- Ireland, Justina ***Dread Nation***: Jane McKeene was born two days before the dead began to walk the battlefields of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania--derailing the War Between the States and changing the nation forever. In this new America laws like the Native and Negro Education Act require certain children attend combat schools to learn to put down the dead. Jane is studying to become an Attendant, trained in both weaponry and etiquette to protect the well-to-do. It's a chance for a better life for Negro girls like Jane. But the restless dead, it would seem, are the least of her problems.
- King, Stephen ***The Stand***: When a man escapes from a biological testing facility, he sets in motion a deadly domino effect, spreading a mutated strain of the flu that will wipe out 99 percent of humanity within a few weeks. The survivors who remain are scared, bewildered, and in need of a leader. Two emerge--Mother Abigail, the benevolent 108-year-old woman who urges them to build a community in Colorado; and Randall Flagg, who delights in chaos and violence.
- Land, Stephanie ***Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay and a Mother's Will to Survive***: At 28, Stephanie Land's dreams--breaking free from her hometown, attending university, & becoming a writer--were cut short when a summer fling turned into an unexpected pregnancy. She turned to housekeeping to make ends meet and taking college classes online. She also began to write the stories of overworked and underpaid Americans. Of living on food stamps and WIC. Of the aloof government employees who called her lucky for receiving assistance while she didn't feel lucky at all. Her

memoir explores the underbelly of upper-middle class America and the reality of what it's like to be in service to them

Larson, Erik

In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin: In 1933 William E. Dodd becomes America's first ambassador to Hitler's Germany. Dodd brings along his daughter, Martha. At first Martha is entranced by the parties and the handsome young men of the Third Reich. But as evidence of Jewish persecution mounts, her father sends his concerns to an indifferent US State Dept. As that first year unfolds, the Dodds experience days full of excitement, intrigue, romance—and horror, when a climactic spasm of violence and murder reveals Hitler's true character.

Manzano, Sonia

Becoming Maria - One of America's most influential Hispanics-'Maria' on Sesame Street-delivers a beautifully wrought coming-of-age memoir. Set in the 1950s in the Bronx, this is the story of a girl with a dream. Emmy award-winning actress and writer Sonia Manzano plunges us into the daily lives of a Latino family that is loving-and troubled.

McCoy, Mary

I, Claudia: Snarky teen Claudia McCarthy never expected to be in charge of Imperial Day Academy, but by accident, design, or scheme, she is pulled into the tumultuous and high-profile world of the Senate and Honor Council. Suddenly, Claudia is wielding power over her fellow students that she never expected to have and isn't sure she wants. Claudia vows to use her power to help the school. But there are forces aligned against her, with no easy answers. As Claudia struggles to be a force for good in the universe, she wrestles with the question: does power inevitably corrupt? **Printz Honor Book, 2019**

McCullough, Joy

Blood Water Paint: Based on a True Story - In Renaissance Italy, Artemisia Gentileschi endures the subjugation of women that allows her father to take credit for her extraordinary paintings. She is raped by her mentor and in the ensuing trial, and torture, she is buoyed by her deceased mother's stories of strong women of the Bible.

McGhee, Alison

What I Leave Behind: Sixteen-year-old Will spends most of his days the same way: Working at the Dollar Only store, trying to replicate his late father's famous cornbread recipe, and walking the streets of Los Angeles. Will started walking after his father committed suicide, and three years later he hasn't stopped. When Will learns his friend Playa was a victim of a violent crime at a party he was at - he believes he could have stopped the worst from happening if he hadn't left early--it spurs Will to stop being complacent in his own sadness and do some good in the world.

Morrison, Toni

Song of Solomon: Follows the life of Macon Dead, Jr., the son of the richest black family in a Midwestern town, as he leaves home on a quest for personal freedom.

Nelson, Jandy

I'll Give You the Sun: Jude and her twin brother, Noah, are incredibly close. At thirteen, isolated Noah draws constantly and is falling in love with the charismatic boy next door, while daredevil Jude cliff-dives and wears red-red lipstick and does the talking for both of them. But three years later, Jude and Noah are barely speaking. The early years are Noah's story to tell. The later years are Jude's. What the twins don't realize is that they each have only half the story, and if they could just

find their way back to one another, they'd have a chance to remake their world. **Printz Medal Winner - 2015**

Obama, Michelle

Becoming: An intimate memoir by the former First Lady of the United States. As First Lady - the first African-American to serve in that role - she helped create an inclusive White House, while also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world. Along the way, she showed us a few dance moves, crushed Carpool Karaoke, and raised two down-to-earth daughters under an unforgiving media glare. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it.

Pan, Emily X.R.

The Astonishing Color of After: Leigh travels to Taiwan to meet her maternal grandparents for the first time. There, she is determined to find her mother, the bird. In her search, she winds up chasing after ghosts, uncovering family secrets, and forging a new relationship with her grandparents. And as she grieves, she must try to reconcile the fact that on the same day she kissed her best friend and longtime secret crush, Axel, her mother was taking her own life.

Perez, Ashley Hope

Out of Darknes: "This is East Texas, and there's lines. Lines you cross, lines you don't cross. That clear?" New London, Texas. 1937. Naomi Vargas and Wash Fuller know about the lines in East Texas as well as anyone. They know the signs that mark them. They know the people who enforce them. But sometimes the attraction between two people is so powerful it breaks through even the most entrenched color lines. And the consequences can be explosive. **Printz Honor Book - 2016**

Pirsig, Robert

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: A narration of a summer motorcycle trip undertaken by a father and his son, the book becomes a personal and philosophical odyssey into fundamental questions of how to live. The narrator's relationship with his son leads to a powerful self-reckoning; the craft of motorcycle maintenance leads to an austere beautiful process for reconciling science, religion, and humanism.

Poehler, Amy

Yes, Please: The actress best known for her work on 'Parks and Recreation' and 'Saturday Night Live' reveals personal stories and offers her humorous take on such topics as love, friendship, parenthood, and her relationship with Tina Fey.

Ramos, NoNieqa

The Disturbed Girl's Dictionary: Fifteen-year-old Macy, officially labeled "disturbed" by her school, records her impressions of her rough neighborhood and home life as she tries to rescue her brother from Child Protective Services, win back her overachieving best friend after a fight, and figure out whether to tell her incarcerated father about her mother's cheating.

Ribay, Randy

After the Shot Drops: Bunny and Nasir have been best friends forever, but when Bunny accepts an athletic scholarship across town, Nasir feels betrayed. While Bunny tries to fit in with his new, privileged peers, Nasir spends more time with his cousin, Wallace, who is being evicted. Nasir can't help but wonder why the neighborhood is falling over itself to help Bunny when *Wallace* is in trouble. When Wallace makes a bet against Bunny, Nasir is faced with an impossible decision--maybe a dangerous one.

Richtel, Matt	<i>A Deadly Wandering: A Mystery, A Landmark Investigation, and the Astonishing Science of Attention in the Digital Age:</i> Draws on cutting-edge scientific findings regarding human attention to examine the impact of technology on people's lives through the story of college student Reggie Shaw, who killed two scientists while texting and driving.
Saenz, Benjamin Alire	<i>The Inexplicable Logic of My Life:</i> Sal used to know his place with his adoptive gay father, their loving Mexican American family, and his best friend, Samantha. But it's senior year, and suddenly Sal is throwing punches, questioning everything, and realizing he no longer knows himself. If Sal's not who he thought he was, who is he?
Shusterman, Neal	<i>Challenger Deep:</i> A captivating novel about mental illness that lingers long beyond the last page, Caden Bosch is on a ship that's headed for the deepest point on Earth: Challenger Deep, the southern part of the Marianas Trench. Caden Bosch is a brilliant high school student whose friends are starting to notice his odd behavior. He is designated the ship's artist in residence to document the journey with images. Caden Bosch pretends to join the school track team but spends his days walking for miles, absorbed by the thoughts in his head. He is split between his allegiance to the captain and the allure of mutiny. Caden Bosch is torn.
Slater, Dashka	<i>The 57 Bus:</i> If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. A True Story.
Smith, Andrew	<i>Grasshopper Jungle:</i> Austin Szerba narrates the end of humanity as he and his best friend Robby accidentally unleash an army of giant, unstoppable bugs and uncover the secrets of a decades-old experiment gone terribly wrong. Printz Honor Book 2015
Stockett, Katherine	<i>The Help:</i> Skeeter returns home to Mississippi from college in 1962 and begins to write stories about the African-American women that are found working in white households, which includes Aibileen, who grieves for the loss of her son while caring for her seventeenth white child, and Minny, Aibileen's sassy friend, the hired cook for a secretive woman who is new to town.
Walker, Alice	<i>The Color Purple:</i> Tells the story of two African-American sisters: Nettie, a missionary in Africa, and Celie, a child-wife living in the south, in the medium of their letters to each other and in Celie's case, the desperate letters she begins, "Dear God."
Wein, Elizabeth	<i>Code Name Verity:</i> A British spy plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. Its pilot and passenger are best friends. One of the girls has a chance at survival. The other has lost the game before it's barely begun. When "Verity" is arrested, she's sure she doesn't stand a chance - her Nazi interrogators give her a simple choice: reveal her mission or face a grisly execution. As she gives her confession, Verity uncovers her past, how she became friends with the pilot Maddie, and why she left Maddie in the wrecked fuselage of their plane. But will trading her secrets be enough to save her from the enemy? Printz Honor Book, 2013

Westover, Tara	<i>Educated:</i> Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills" bag. In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged metal in her father's junkyard.
Zusak, Markus	<i>I Am the Messenger:</i> After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, which helps him start to get over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness. Printz Honor Book, 2007

CLASSICS

Alcott, Louisa May	<i>Little Women:</i> Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in mid-nineteenth-century New England.
Allende, Isabel	<i>Eva Luna:</i> Eva, an orphan who tells tales about people that she has met, triumphs over hardships through the power of her imagination.
Austen, Jane	<i>Pride and Prejudice:</i> At the turn of eighteenth-century England, spirited Elizabeth Bennet copes with a complicated relationship with snobbish Mr. Darcy while trying to sort out the romantic entanglements of two of her sisters, sweet and beautiful Jane and scatterbrained Lydia.
Bradbury, Ray	<i>Fahrenheit 451:</i> Guy Montag is a fireman. In his world firemen start fires rather than put them out. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, until he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people didn't live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television.
Dickens, Charles	<i>Oliver Twist:</i> A story about a young orphan boy in nineteenth-century England who lives in the squalid surroundings of a workhouse until he becomes involved with a gang of thieves.
Doyle, A. Conan	<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles:</i> Late one night, Sir Charles Baskerville is attacked outside his castle in Dartmoor, England. Could it be the Hound of the Baskervilles, a legendary creature that haunts the nearby moor? Sherlock Holmes, the world's greatest detective, is on the case.
Du Maurier, Daphne	<i>Rebecca:</i> The second Mrs. Maxim de Winter finds it difficult and frightening to live in the shadow of her predecessor, a situation that is exacerbated by her husband's moodiness, and the presence of sinister housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers.
Huxley, Aldous	<i>Brave New World:</i> A satirical novel about the utopia of the future, a world in which babies are decanted from bottles and the great Ford is worshipped.
Orwell, George	<i>1984:</i> Winston Smith, a worker at the Ministry of Truth in the political entity of Oceania, puts his life on the line when he joins a covert

brotherhood in rebelling against the Party that controls all human thought and action.

Stevenson, Robert Louis

Treasure Island: Buried treasure. Villainous pirates. A brave boy in danger. With map in hand, Jim Hawkins sets sail to find Treasure Island, where a fortune is hidden. But evil buccaneer Long John Silver will stop at nothing to get that gold first...

Verne, Jules

Around the World in 80 Days: This travelogue is a mixture of fantasy, comedy and suspense.

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea: This science fiction voyage is complete with a mad sea captain, exotic sea creatures and amazing adventures.