

AP Language & Composition: Summer Reading

REQUIRED:

Assignment: Before school begins on August 17th, please read and/or listen to the following. There is no written assignment, but you should be prepared to discuss, write about, and pass a comprehension test on these readings after school begins.

- (1) Read - *Scarcity: The New Science of Having Less and How It Defines Our Lives* by Sendhil Mullainathan and Eldar Shafir (Alternative: if you would prefer, you can get similar content by listening to [this podcast](#) **and** watching [this video](#))

AND

- (2) Read – *The Winter of Our Discontent* by John Steinbeck

Note: Copies of these books are available at RHS. Email me (leslie.thompson@jordandistrict.org) in June and I will check out titles for you and leave them at the front office)

OPTIONAL:

Here are some suggestions of titles that are helpful to you in developing background knowledge and reading skills for this course. These are not required reading and there will be no assessment on these titles. However, you will find that familiarity with this content helps as you develop arguments and analysis. I suggest you choose a couple that interest you to fill out your summer reading agenda (this list is somewhat in order of usefulness):

- *David & Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants* by Malcolm Gladwell
- *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *Romeo & Juliet* by William Shakespeare
- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- *Night* by Elie Wiesel
- *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

Note: All books on this list are approved for high school classroom instruction by the Jordan School District Literature Selection Committee