

**AP Literature and Composition 2021-2022 School Year**  
Initial Handout and Summer Reading

Welcome to Advanced Placement Literature and Composition. This course is written on the college level and has been created to enable you to engage as a college reader, writer, and thinker while still in high school. Taking the AP exam at the end of the year is required for all students. The goal of summer reading is to hopefully engage and keep your reading, writing, and thinking skills sharp. It also provides some common texts of literary merit to discuss.

**Note:** Summer Reading is **REQUIRED**. Failure to complete summer reading and meet the summer deadlines will result in removal from AP Literature.

Students **are** required to purchase ***The Bedford Introduction to Literature High School AP edition***, which is used as the textbook for this class. You may want to purchase the book from a previous AP student for a reduced price or there may be used copies available from sources such as Amazon.com. Prices vary from around \$40. If a student is unable to purchase the text, they should see Mr. Knight before the end of this school year. If you wish to purchase the text on your own, please be sure to use the following information to ensure you get the correct book.

Tenth Edition ***The Bedford Introduction to Literature, High School Version*** (Hardcover) editor Michael Meyer; ISBN-13: 9781457615924

## **SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS & DEADLINES**

Read the Novel

*Pigs in Heaven* - Barbara Kingsolver

### **ASSIGNMENT**

Essay – Write an essay in which you describe the way the protagonist in the novel is developed. Concentrate on how social and cultural mores may have influenced each writer’s decisions in creating their characters.

- ✓ Use MLA format & include quotations from both novels cited with page numbers to defend your thinking. Save and send as a Microsoft Word document attachment or share as a google doc.

**Paper due date is July 22nd**