



Summer Reading 2015
Upper School Humanities
Advanced Placement: Literature
Ms. Gleicher

ENTERING A.P. LITERATURE (12th GRADE)

Part I

Students should read *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles and *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. While reading, students should keep a running list of quotations, character/setting/plot details, literary devices, and personal reactions in their reading journal (which can be kept in a google doc or notebook). They should also record the sentence, part of speech, and definition of any unknown vocabulary words separately in their vocabulary notebook (a separate google doc or notebook).

The following questions may focus students' reading: How are Gene's and Amir's fates shaped by the personal and political circumstances in which they grow up? Do their attitudes towards themselves and others change as they come of age? Why or why not? In what ways does setting influence the plot in both texts? What, ultimately, do both protagonists come to understand about friendship, betrayal, destiny, and redemption?

Within the first week of class, students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their thorough reading of the texts on an AP-style in-class essay assignment.

Part II

Students should purchase Barron's AP English Literature and Composition 5th Edition and read/annotate pages 1-9. Please bring these books with you on the first day of class.