

Rampart High School - AP Literature and Composition

2017-2018 Reading List

Where indicated, please purchase the version (ISBN) specified. **Texts can be purchased inexpensively at a variety of retailers and online sources such as amazon.com or half.com. Electronic copies are acceptable as long as students can bring the device (iPad, Kindle, etc.) to school.**

If purchase of these texts presents a financial burden for your family, please contact the RHS Counseling office as assistance is available.

Summer Reading:

All students:

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien (ISBN: 978-0618706419 or other edition)

Summer Reading Expectations:

For *The Things They Carried* this summer, please read carefully and annotate (or keep an annotations journal) and consider the following:

This novel often appears on the list of suggested titles to write on for the final essay of the AP Literature and Composition exam in May. Clearly, the piece offers something timeless. O'Brien presents to the audience a sense of truth - a belief, or a set of beliefs, about human nature, society, morality, and our sense of self. In *The Things They Carried*, pay particular attention to the ways in which O'Brien manipulates literal truth to offer something greater.

A formal, open-note assessment of *The Things They Carried* will follow in August.

Common Course Readings for 2017-2018:

All students:

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving (ISBN: 978-0062204226 or other edition)

Measure for Measure by William Shakespeare, Folger Library Edition (ISBN: 978-0743484909)

Other titles will be assigned by individual teachers in August.