

## Marshall High School

### 2020-21 English 4 AP Literature Summer Reading Assignment

What makes a work of literature worthy to be considered a work of literary merit?  
(Choose one AP title AND one Contemporary Selection from either of the themes below)

#### Theme: Dystopian Society

##### AP Titles

1984, George Orwell  
Brave New World, Aldous Huxley  
Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury  
Parable of the Sower, Octavia Butler  
The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood

##### Contemporary Selections

The Giver, Lois Lowry  
Legend, Marie Lu  
Maze Runner, James Dashner  
Never Let Me Go, Kazuo Ishiguro  
Oryx and Crake, Margaret Atwood  
Red Queen, Victoria Aveyard  
Scythe, Neal Shusterman

#### Theme: Individual vs. Society

##### AP Titles

Beloved, Toni Morrison  
The Color Purple, Alice Walker  
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan  
Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen

##### Contemporary Selections

The Game of Love and Death, Martha  
Brockenbraugh  
Girls Like Us, Gail Giles  
Middlesex, Jeffrey Eugenides  
No Safe Place, Deborah Ellis  
Persepolis, Volume 1, Marjane Satrapi  
Silence of Our Friends, Mark Long  
A Yellow Raft in Blue Water, Michael  
Dorris

**Caveat:** Many students feel the temptation to turn to Cliff's Notes, Wikipedia, Sparknotes, or even movie versions of their texts when faced with the prospect of summer reading. If you feel tempted to use a "study aide" or to take a shortcut like watching a video instead of reading, ask yourself why. If you are not a strong reader, writer, or thinker, or if you do not like reading and writing, perhaps AP is not for you. If you decide to accept the challenges of college level work, then you accept the challenge of reading this summer. You will receive a zero on all related assignments if you use any source other than the book itself.