

AP Literature and Composition

Summer Reading Assignment 2022

Dear AP Student,

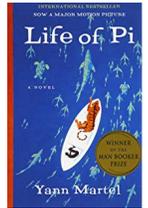
Congratulations on enrolling in AP Literature and Composition! These two summer reading assignments are important and will help you to develop and observe your independent, authentic, close-reading, and writing skills. Reading and writing over the summer, when you can plan and observe your own schedule and habits, will help you cultivate long-term life skills. Independent reading and writing help you develop critical thinking skills, independence and self-reliance, and self-confidence.

Please read the novel, *The Life of Pi*, by Yann Martel.

Assignment One

There will be an in-class timed writing on this the first week of school.

Life of Pi by Yann Martel. *When Pi is sixteen, his family emigrates from India to North America aboard a Japanese cargo ship, along with their zoo animals bound for new homes. Pi finds himself alone in a lifeboat with his only companions: a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra, a 450-pound Bengal tiger, and God.*



Directions: Read this novel completely. Purchase this paper edition: Mariner edition. 2003. ISBN: 9780156027328 You'll have a timed, multiple-choice and short-answer reading test during the first week of school. Bring your book to class on the first day of school.

Assignment Two

Please read one of the following plays and write an open-response paper. There will also be an in class timed writing on this the first week of school.

- A Streetcar Named Desire. Tennessee Williams. *This drama follows troubled former schoolteacher Blanche DuBois as she leaves small-town Mississippi and moves in with her sister, Stella. Blanche's flirtatious Southern-belle presence causes problems for Stella and her husband Stanley.*
- Fences. August Wilson. *This play explores themes of men and masculinity, sports and dreams, family relationships, The American Dream, Hopes, Betrayal, Freedom, and Plans that don't always work out in the end.*
- A Midsummer Night's Dream. William Shakespeare. *Lysander loves Hermia, and Hermia loves Lysander. Hermia's father wants her to marry Demetrius. Hermia is given four days to choose between Demetrius, life in a nunnery, or a death sentence.*
- Death of a Salesman. Arthur Miller. *Written in 1949, this Pulitzer Prize-winning play is a cornerstone of American literature. It explores the nature of The American Dream and what happens when our plans do not work out. It explores family, growing up, father-son relationships, betrayal, broken hearts, and materialism.*