

Dear Future 11AP I Students:

We are pleased that you have made the commitment to challenge yourself in **11AP I**. This course introduces students to the skills necessary for analyzing complex readings and creating well-developed written responses. Emphasis is placed on becoming skilled readers of American prose written in a variety of periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts, and becoming skilled writers who compose complex and rich pieces that effectively communicate with mature readers.

To prepare for **11AP I**, you are required to read **three** books **and** complete the corresponding assignments **by the start of first semester**:

1. *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain

- Take notes or mark places in *Huckleberry Finn* where you find the use of these literary techniques:
  - character development
  - point of view
  - tone
  - plot/conflict development
  - symbolism
  - figurative language
  - thematic development
  - the use of humor

Suggestion: Use one color sticky note for each type of literary technique for easy reference later.
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2. *The Things They Carried*, by Tim O'Brien

- Keep a running list of all the **things** (both literal and figurative) that the men carried
- Annotate the particularly compelling episodes and the character traits they depict

3. *The Living is Easy*, by Dorothy West

- Do some online research to identify and take notes on the following concepts associated with The Harlem Renaissance and *The Living is Easy*:
  - Brief overview of The Harlem Renaissance
  - Great Migration
  - Mimicry
  - Racial Consciousness
  - Legacy of Slavery
  - Alienation
  - Passing
  - Unique issues facing mixed-race citizens
  - Segregation
  - Race Denial
  - Feminism of the time period
- As you read *The Living is Easy*, mark passages that depict the above concepts.

We look forward to meeting you in September. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

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