

## AP English Summer Reading List 2008

I strongly urge you to begin with Foster's book, *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, as it will improve your analytical abilities.

I will collect the following summer reading assignment on the first day of class: Choose one of the prose works from the following list (except *Crime and Punishment*) and write a well-developed, analytical essay in which you explore how the author develops a theme in the work. All assignments must use MLA format for the first page, page numbering, and parenthetical documentation. Assignments not utilizing MLA format will be penalized.

The evaluation of your summer reading will not be limited to this essay. Please take careful reading notes in anticipation of classroom activities, projects, and quizzes. Enjoy!

### NONFICTION

Foster, Thomas C. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*

### FICTION

Clinch, Jon. *Finn*

Dostoyevsky, Fyodor. *Crime and Punishment*

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *The Scarlet Letter*

Hemingway, Ernest. *The Old Man and the Sea*

James, Henry. *Daisy Miller*

Melville, Herman. "Billy Budd"

Morrison, Toni. *Beloved*

Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

### DRAMA

Miller, Arthur. *Death of a Salesman*—a play found in these collections:

808.82	Block	<i>Masters of Modern Drama</i>
812.54	Cerf	<i>Plays of Our Time</i>
812	Miller	<i>Arthur's Miller's Collected Plays</i>
812.5		<i>Best Plays of 1948-49</i>
808.82	Sprinchorn	<i>20<sup>th</sup> Century Plays in Synopsis</i>

### POETRY

Eliot, T. S. "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"—a poem found in these collections

811.08	Acken	<i>A Comprehensive Anthology of American Poetry</i>
811.08	Acken	<i>20<sup>th</sup> Century American Poetry</i>
821.8	Brooks	<i>Understanding Poetry</i>
821.08	Ciardi	<i>How Does a Poem Mean</i>
821.09	Saunders	<i>Chief Modern Poets of American and England</i>
808.81	Untermeyer	<i>Modern American and Modern British Poets</i>
821.008	Untermeyer	<i>A Treasury of Great Poems English and American</i>

Whitman, Walt. *Song of Myself*—a poem found in these collections:

811.08	Acken	<i>A Comprehensive Anthology of American Poetry</i>
808.81	Benet	<i>Poems for Youth</i>
821.08	Ciardi	<i>How Does a Poem Mean</i>
808.8	Forester	<i>American Poetry and Prose</i>
811.08	Matthiessen	<i>The Oxford Book of American Verse</i>
811.08	Shapiro	<i>American Poetry</i>
808.81	Untermeyer	<i>New Modern American and British Poetry</i>
821.008	Untermeyer	<i>A Treasury of Great Poems English and American</i>