

RAMAPO –ENGLISH 4 AP
SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT 2018-2019

Welcome to English 4 AP! Below you will find the **REQUIRED** summer reading assignment for this class. Please make sure you read ALL directions and have all parts of the assignment with you on the first day of school, **September 6, 2018**. This assignment will give you a good idea about the kinds of literature to expect in this class as well as the level of detail expected in your work this year. There will be a writing assignment given on this reading within the first two weeks of school.

Texts:

- 1. *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison**
- 2. *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe**

Part 1: As you read each novel, type up notes on the following concepts:

- character development,
- major themes,
- settings,
- major plot event(s) and
- key symbols of each text.

DO NOT just underline parts of each book. You may annotate your books if you'd like, but books will not be collected, however your notes will be collected and checked for completion. Please print for the first day of school.

Part 2:

For each work, select what you believe is the ONE most important page of the text and type a one page (*single-spaced, 12 pt. academic font) "mini paper" justifying why this page is the most important in the novel. You must use close reading, critical analysis, and formal and academic writing skills to gain full credit for each "mini paper." Also be sure to attach a copy of each page from each novel when you submit the assignment on the first day of school.

You MAY NOT exceed a single typed page for each work. The TOTAL number of typed pages should equal TWO (*not* including the pages from the novels). Significant points will be deducted if you go over a page.

All work must be typed and printed. **Both parts of this assignment for EACH TEXT will be collected on the first day of school.** Failure to produce this work on September 6, 2018, will result in a **ZERO GRADE** for the assignment.

We look forward to working with you next year!

-Ms. Schwarz and Mrs. Manzo