

# TRINITY

## AP Language and Composition Summer Reading List 2023-2024

All AP Language and Composition students at Trinity Christian Academy are expected to complete the summer reading assignments. Reading over the summer will help each student improve vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills which will enhance all studies so that students will experience academic success.

**Please Note: There are seven tasks to be completed. You must complete all assignments by the due date listed in the assignment description.**

**I. Required Book #1** - Please read the first required book below and complete the assignment that follows:

*Eats, Shoots, and Leaves* - by Lynne Truss

Directions: This book is meant to help you understand grammar rules that you will in turn use in your own writing. Pace yourself as you go; it is not meant to be quickly read or to be read in one sitting. As you read, annotate within the margins. **You will have a test on this grammar text (please study and know the material) on Monday, August 14, 2023.** Additionally, you will need to complete the following tasks based on this book:

1. Based on Chapter 2 of this book, come up with five different sentences of your own that egregiously misuses commas. Be ready to explain to the class how you would repair the sentences for clarity and precision. **Please bring your sentences on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.**
2. Buy a local newspaper (either *The Palm Beach Post* or *The Sun Sentinel* and proofread for grammatical errors. Please bring your annotated newspaper to class on **Wednesday, August 9, 2023.**

**II. Required Book #2** - Read the 2nd required book & complete the assignment that follows:

*On Writing Well* - by William Zinsser (**Note: only read chapters 1-9 and 11, 12, 20 - 23 and chapter 25**)

Directions: For this required book, please come up with five intriguing questions about anything in the assigned chapters that confused you at all. Please bring these to class with you on **Wednesday, August 9, 2023.** Please be ready to share your questions with the class.

**III. Chosen Book** - Please choose one book from the following list below and complete the assignment that follows.

1. *Reading Lolita in Tehran* - by Azar Nafisi
2. *The Innocent Man* - by John Grisham
3. *Fast Food Nation* - by Eric Schlosser
4. *The Great Influenza* - by John M. Barry
5. *Undaunted Courage* - by Stephen Ambrose
6. *How the Food Giants Hooked Us* - by Michael Moss

Directions: Please complete the following questions in paragraph form for your chosen book. Please use MLA format and use the following as the title for your paper: Literary Analysis of \_\_\_\_\_ (insert title of your book here). Be sure to back up your answers with evidence from the text. **Due Monday, August 14, 2023.**

1. After reading the book, what is the significance of the title? Please explain. How do you know this is true?
2. A theme is a central idea or message of a work. What is the major theme of the text? How can you tell? Be sure to give specific examples from the text.
3. Identify the “issue” in the book you chose. How did the issue impact you, as the reader? Does the issue apply to contemporary times? How? What is the connection?
4. Did this book encourage you to read more or learn more about the issue and the outcome of your chosen book? Explain your answer.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

- As a Christian, a person may wonder, “Should Christians study the classics of literature?” Christians should be aware that man’s writings reflect his inner thoughts. This can be seen throughout a study of literature and the authors’ lives. If we look at secular literature (classics) through discerning eyes, our own faith and testimony can be strengthened. The selections chosen for the reading list are either classic in nature or carry strong literary merit. Trinity Christian Academy cannot be responsible for all content in every selection.
- Please be advised: copied, summarized, or paraphrased information from an internet source or any other source that is not properly documented is unacceptable. THIS IS PLAGIARISM! The writing portion of the Summer Reading Assignment is meant to be the students’ own thoughts and ideas and should not be researched from any outside source. If the student uses a quote from the book, please be sure to include the quotation marks as well as the page number from the book in which the quote was found.