

SUMMER READING 2017
RISING 12TH GRADERS
CLASS OF 2018



- **PURCHASE** these books, as **you will need them in class in the fall.**
- If ISBN numbers are referenced, you **must purchase that particular version.**
- **READ** the correct book(s) for your assigned level.
- **ANNOTATE** these books. Annotation and/or reading assignment directions for each book are listed at the link to each book (in **red**). **DON'T FORGET TO CHECK on 5/15/17 for this!**
- **BRING** these books on the first day, ready for a significant quiz or essay over the text(s).

All assignments for books are in red at the link below the

British Literature/College Writing CPA

Section 23.0520719

Choose **two of the following mystery novels after reading the summaries:**

The Tiger in the Well: A Sally Lockhart Mystery (2008), Philip Pullman ISBN: 978-0375845178

This sequel to *The Ruby in the Smoke* and *The Shadow in the North* combines heart-thumping suspense, a thorough-going examination of Victorian London's underclass, a lively gang of heroes and villains and a mystery sinister enough to leave readers filled with anxiety. An unknown evildoer has made elaborate plans to steal Sally Lockhart's life away from her--by usurping her home, her business, her daughter Harriet and, finally, her sanity. Elsewhere in London, Jewish immigrants who have fled the Russian pogroms are being systematically fleeced. Daniel Goldberg, a socialist journalist, believes that the evil genius behind these brutal acts is a shadowy figure known as the Tzaddik. Rendered homeless and hounded through London's slums, Sally endures a plight that in many ways mirrors the mistreatment of the Jews. Though this is a sequel, new readers will be able to enjoy the story without having followed the series.

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, Book 1 (2003), Alexander McCall Smith ISBN: 978-1400034772

The African-born author of more than 50 books, from children's stories to scholarly works turns his talents to detection in this artful, pleasing novel about Mma (aka Precious) Ramotswe, Botswana's one and only lady private detective. A series of vignettes linked to the establishment and growth of Mma Ramotswe's "No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency" serve not only to entertain but to explore conditions in Botswana in a way that is both penetrating and light thanks to Smith's deft touch. Mma Ramotswe's cases come slowly and hesitantly at first: women who suspect their husbands are cheating on them; a father worried that his daughter is sneaking off to see a boy; a missing child who may have been killed by witchdoctors to make medicine; a doctor who sometimes seems highly competent and sometimes seems to know almost nothing about medicine. The desultory pace is fine, since she has only a detective manual, the frequently cited example of Agatha Christie, and her instincts to guide her. Mma Ramotswe's love of Africa, her wisdom and humor, shine through these pages as she shines her own light on the problems that vex her clients.

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***The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* (2010), Alan Bradley ISBN: 978-0385343497**

It's the beginning of a lazy summer in 1950 at the sleepy English village of Bishop's Lacey. Up at the great house of Buckshaw, aspiring chemist Flavia de Luce passes the time tinkering in the laboratory she's inherited from her deceased mother and an eccentric great uncle. When Flavia discovers a murdered stranger in the cucumber patch outside her bedroom window early one morning, she decides to leave aside her flasks and Bunsen burners to solve the crime herself, much to the chagrin of the local authorities. But who can blame her? What else does an eleven-year-old science prodigy have to do when left to her own devices? With her widowed father and two older sisters far too preoccupied with their own pursuits and passions—stamp collecting, adventure novels, and boys respectively—Flavia takes off on her trusty bicycle Gladys to catch a murderer. In Alan Bradley's critically acclaimed debut mystery, *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*, adult readers will be totally charmed by this fearless, funny, and unflappable kid sleuth. But don't be fooled: this carefully plotted detective novel (the first in a new series) features plenty of unexpected twists and turns and loads of tasty period detail. As the pages fly by, you'll be rooting for this curious combination of Harriet the Spy and Sherlock Holmes. Go ahead, take a bite. --*Lauren Nemroff (Amazon Book of the Month)*--

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AP English Literature

Section 23.0520748

Required:

***Beowulf: A New Verse Translation* by Seamus Heaney Bilingual Edition: ISBN 0-393-32097-9**

***The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde ISBN: 978-1515190998**

***How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster ISBN: 978-0062301673**

***The Elements of Style* by Strunk & White ISBN: 978-0205309023**

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