

(Incoming) AP English Literature Summer Reading 2021

**Step 1:** Choose and obtain one pair of linked books from the following options:

**Option 1:** *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen & *Eligible* by Curtis Sittenfeld

**Option 2:** *Home Fire* by Kamila Shamsie & *Antigone* by Sophocles

**Option 3:** *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte & *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys

**Option 4:** *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare & *Hag-Seed* by Margaret Atwood

**Step 2:** Read your chosen books and write a response essay of at least 3 FULL pages (anything less than 3 FULL pages will lose points). Your response should avoid summary of the books and instead analyze the similarities and differences in the ways the two different books address the same story/plot. Which did you prefer? Why? You may also discuss your thoughts, responses, and reactions to the books in relation to their themes, characters, plot elements, etc. The response essay should follow MLA guidelines for formatting (double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, 1" margins, with proper heading information and page numbers with last name in top right). Improperly formatted papers will also lose points.

Response essays are due the first day of classes.

**Step 3:** During the first week of classes, you will create and deliver a presentation that will educate and interest the rest of the class in the books' similarities and differences. You will work together with others who read the same books so that there is less overlap in presentations.