

Grade 11 A.P Language:

You will need the paperback text called 5 steps to a 5 by Murphy and Rankin. Get the most current edition- it may be 2016.

Read the texts listed below. Expect an assessment the first week of class.

- *The Scarlet Letter*, Nathaniel Hawthorne
In seventeenth century New England, Hester Prynne is condemned by Puritan law to wear a scarlet "A" as the symbol of the sin she has committed.
- *Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain
A coming of age story of an abused young man and his friendship with an escaped slave, Jim
- *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald
The timeless story of Jay Gatsby and his love for Daisy Buchanan is widely acknowledged to be the closest thing to the Great American Novel ever written.
- *The Bell Jar*, Sylvia Plath
Chronicles the mental breakdown of Esther Greenwood—a brilliant, beautiful, talented and successful young woman
- *All The Light You Cannot See*, Anthony Doerr
Pulitzer Prize winning novel (pub 2014)
A story about two people who grow up during WWII and how their lives collide. If you are going on the 2017 trip you will stay in the town of St. Malo, France, where the main character in the book lives.

In addition, because so many of the AP Language and Composition prompts concern contemporary issues, it is very important that you read up on international and national news. Every day, make a point to read or watch new-related articles or programs. If you choose an online news source, read at least two versions of the same news articles and it needs to be ongoing. Become acquainted with specific names of people, places and events.