

Language Arts Advanced Placement Vertical Team Reading Recommendations

“The concept of English Vertical Teams incorporates the idea that AP English should not be an isolated course, but rather a planned program for teaching skills and concepts over several years.” ~ College Board

Based on recommendations from the College Board, the Souderton Area School District secondary Language Arts program adopted Vertical Teaming.

The SASD advanced placement vertical team consists of the instructors of high achieving language arts students from grades 6-12. These students are most likely to take one or both of the advanced placement courses offered to 11th and 12th graders and to take the advanced placement exam for college credit. The depth and breadth of a student’s reading experience is assessed on both the AP Composition and AP Literature exams. Additionally, student success on these tests is strongly correlated with the depth and breadth of reading experience along with use of language in composition.

In order to provide an optimal opportunity for student success in our AP program, the language arts vertical team has compiled a list of enriched reading. We encourage students to read as many of the titles as possible since no matter how comprehensive any single course might be, a single course can never provide the reading experience that can be attained over six years.

This list is not meant to be exclusive. Books of equal merit may be read as alternatives or additions. The following site contains a compilation of works referenced on the AP Literature test and may be helpful for alternative selections:

<http://homepage.mac.com/mseffie/AP/APtitles.html>

Note: Students should consult their parents when selecting books as they contain material suitable to a broad audience. These books and films are quality recommendations, but may not suit the tastes and preferences of every reader.

Grade 6

Alcott, Louisa May	Little Women
Alexander, Lloyd	Time Cat
George, Jean Craighead	My Side of the Mountain
Juster, Norton	Phantom Tollbooth
Lewis, C. S.	The Complete Chronicles of Narnia
London, Jack	Call of the Wild
O’Dell, Scott	Island of the Blue Dolphin
Paulsen, Gary	Hatchet
Stevenson, Robert	Treasure Island
Verne, Jules	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Voigt, Cynthia	Homecoming

Grade 7

Anderson, Laurie Halse	Speak
Avi	Nothing But the Truth
Bradbury, Ray	Fahrenheit 451
Lee, Harper	To Kill A Mockingbird
Lowry, Lois	The Giver
Martel, Yann	Life of Pi
Meyers, Walter Dean	Scorpions
Shelley, Mary	Frankenstein
Spinelli, Jerry	Stargirl
Tolkein, J.R.R.	Lord of the Rings Trilogy
Twain, Mark	Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Grades 8 and 9

Dumas, Alexander	The Count of Monte Cristo
Dumas, Alexander	The Three Musketeers
Eliot, George	Mill on the Floss
Eliot, George	Silas Marner
Hansberry, Lorraine	A Raisin in the Sun
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	House of the Seven Gables
Hemingway, E	Farewell to Arms
James, Henry	Portrait of a lady
James, Henry	Turn of the Screw
Steinbeck, John	Of Mice and Men
Stowe, Harriet Beecher	Uncle Tom's Cabin
Twain, Mark	Prince and the Pauper
Twain, Mark	A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court
Wharton, Edith	Ethan Frome
Wilde, Oscar	A Picture of Dorian Grey

Grades 10 -12

Achebe, Chinua	Things Fall Apart
Bronte, Charlotte	Jane Eyre
Bunyan	Pilgrim's Progress
Camus, Albert	The Stranger
Chopin, Kate	The Awakening
Conrad, Joseph	Heart of Darkness
Dante	The Divine Comedy (Inferno, Paradiso, Purgatorio)
Dostoevsky, Fyodor	Crime and Punishment
Forster, E.M.	A Passage to India
Hamilton, Edith	Mythology
Hardy, Thomas	Jude the Obscure

Heller, Joseph
Hubben, William
Hugo, Victor
Irving, John
Melville, Herman
Morrison, Toni
Paton, Alan
Proulx, Annie
Rand, Ayn
Russo, Richard
Shakespeare
Sinclair, Upton
Sophocles
Steinbeck, Joseph

Voltaire
Vonnegut, Kurt
Wright, Richard

Catch 22
Dostoevsky, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, and Kafka
The Hunchback of Notre Dame
A Prayer for Owen Meany
Billy Budd
Beloved
Cry the Beloved Country
The Shipping News
Atlas Shrugged
Empire Falls
Comedies, Tragedies, Histories
The Jungle
Oedipus Rex OR Oedipus the King
Grapes of Wrath
East of Eden
Candide
Slaughter House Five
Native Son