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**AP English Literature and Composition Summer Reading Assignment**

In order to prepare for AP English Literature and Composition, please complete the following reading assignments.

**Assignment #1**

Choose a book from the following list. Each of the books on this list has appeared as possible subjects for literary analysis on past AP Literature and Composition exams. I suggest that you research each novel using Kirkus Reviews or another reliable source before you make your selection.

* Exit West by Mohsin Hamid
* All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
* Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
* Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
* The Bonesetter’s Daughter by Amy Tan
* The Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

As you read, you will be responsible for sharing three short reflections; the first one when you are one third of the way through the book, the second once you have completed two thirds, and the third when you are finished.

Reflections can be hand-written, typed, or audio/video blogs. If you are not sure what to discuss in your reflections, use some of the following questions.

* What is the theme of the book?
* Why did the author write this book?
* What aspects of the human experience are being explored? What does the book have to say on these topics?
* How do the themes relate to the era in which the book was written? How do they relate to our world today?
* How is the novel organized?
* How are the characters presented?
* Who is the narrator and how does that affect the tone?
* What has been your general impression of the book so far?

**Assignment #2**

Read Frankenstein by Mary Shelley. The first few assignments in AP Literature are centered around this gothic novel.

As you read, annotate the text focusing on the themes of family and alienation.