



Pocono Mountain School District

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English Language Arts

Advanced Placement Language & Composition

Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to Advanced Placement Language & Composition! AP classes are designed to be more rigorous and challenging than the required English Language Arts courses. Please be aware that AP requires more complex reading and writing assignments throughout the school year, as well as a summer reading assignment. A study guide is available at www.pmsd.org on the **Academics** link under "Summer Reading." Since this is an independent reading assignment, completion of the study guide is highly recommended.

Students who have enrolled in AP English Language & Composition will be required to read Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*. This work of nonfiction details the 1959 murder of the Clutter family and the subsequent investigation that came in its wake. *In Cold Blood* offers poignant insights into the nature of American violence. This book is available through libraries, bookstores and online websites.

An assessment of this work will occur during the first week of school, so please be sure to prepare carefully and be ready with questions you may have about the book when classes begin in the fall.

Enjoy *In Cold Blood*, and have a safe and restful summer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stacy Kulics

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