



Pocono Mountain School District

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English Language Arts

Advanced Placement Literature & Composition

Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to Advanced Placement Literature & 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 Literature & Composition will be required to read William Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury*. This novel describes the tragedy of the Compsons, a family whose lives are fragmented by history and legacy. This work presents character's voices and actions that mesh to create what is arguably Faulkner's masterpiece and one of the greatest novels of the twentieth century. 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 novel when classes begin in the fall.

Enjoy *The Sound and the Fury*, and have a safe and restful summer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stacy Kulics

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