Department of English
2010-2011

Advanced Placement English

Class of 2011

Summer Readings

Required summer readings

Novels

John Irving, *A Prayer for Owen Meany*

One other novel of "recognized literary merit" written by a non-American, preferably chosen from past winners of the Booker Prize, the Commonwealth Writers Prize, or the Whitbread Award. Titles short-listed might be acceptable, but check first.

Plays

Tennessee Williams, *A Streetcar Named Desire*
(You are to read the play *and* watch a performance or a movie version of the play.)

The King James Bible

Minimum: books of Genesis, Exodus, and Matthew

Writing

William Strunk and E. B. White, *The Elements of Style*

Urged summer readings

Joseph Campbell, *The Power of Myth*

Jacob Bronowski, *The Ascent of Man*

Geoffrey Chaucer, *The Canterbury Tales*

McCrum and other eds., *The Story of English*

Suggested summer readings

Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man*

Gabriel García–Márquez, *One Hundred Years of Solitude*

Toni Morrison, *Home*

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