

AP Literature and Composition
Summer Assignment 2024

For this year's summer assignment, you will read a novel (chosen from two options) and write a paper satisfying the corresponding prompt. In your paper, you should make sure to use specific evidence from throughout the novel, including sufficient direct quotes, with page numbers.

Your first option is *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward. For this paper, your task is to define the story's theme, and examine specifically how this theme is developed through the author's use of setting. In particular, you should pay attention to how different settings reflect and influence the story's major events, and you should consider the specific linguistic choices Ward uses in shaping the reader's understanding of setting.

Your second option is *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. For this paper, your task is to define the story's theme, and examine specifically how this theme is developed through the author's use of characterization. In particular, you should pay attention to how characters develop over the course of the novel, along with corresponding changes in character relationships, and you should consider the specific linguistic choices Ishiguro uses in shaping the reader's understanding of the main characters.

Your paper should be 4-6 pages in length. It should be formatted in the MLA style and saved as a Microsoft Word file. It should be submitted to [turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com) by noon on Friday, 16 August.

(For [turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com), you will need to attach your account to this class. For Mr. Tamarri, the class name is AP Lit (2024-2025). The Enrollment Key is APLit2425. The Class ID is 44239345. For Ms. Sinclair, the class name is AP Lit. The Enrollment Key is classof2025. The Class ID is 44239615. Our suggestion is to set up access and submit a test assignment well in advance of the actual due date. You can always overwrite this test assignment with your actual paper.)

Contact Mr. Tamarri (ctamarri@eustace.org) or Ms. Sinclair (csinclair@eustace.org) with questions.

In addition, you should make sure that you have completed your Common Application College Essay, which you should bring with you on the first day of class. Remember, your essay should be no more than 650 words in length. The prompts are below.

Common Application Essay Prompts 2024-2025

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.