

Summer 2018
Grade 9 Global and International Studies
Pre- AP English Leonardtown High School

Our high school Pre-AP courses are specifically designed to meet the needs of students reading and writing above grade level. This includes reading and analyzing complex above-grade level texts, engaging in advanced research and writing activities, and learning and applying higher-level literary terminology, vocabulary and analysis. SMCPS Pre-AP courses will provide students with strategies and tools they need to engage in advanced, high-level learning to develop the skills, habits of mind, and concepts necessary to succeed in advanced placement courses and achieve college readiness.

The first extended text assigned at the start of the school year will be a project based on your choice of novel below. **As the deadline for completing this reading task will be September 18, 2018, students are strongly recommended obtain a copy of the novel listed below and begin the process of active reading during the summer (i.e. annotate the text: take notes, underline, ask questions, etc.).** *Whether you purchase or borrow the book from the library, students are expected to have copies of the books with them at the start of the school year.*

If you'd like to find out more about the readings for the year or have questions about the course, please email the teacher at the address below.

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The following text is to be read outside of class in the first marking period; this first reading is due by <u>September 18, 2018.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Anthem</i>, by Ayn Rand

A more extensive list of novels will be handed out at the beginning of the school and middle of the school year. As annotations are a requirement for texts, students will be required to have a copy of assigned novels.

Other Opportunities for Enrichment This Summer:

- 1) Vocabulary - If you used Membean in middle school, you will again in ninth grade. Membean accounts are open all summer. Keep up with Membean.
- 2) Theater - I encourage you to check out local theatrical productions. Shakespeare in the City is performing *Romeo and Juliet* in August: check out <https://hsmcdigshistory.org/event/shakespeare-city/> for details.
- 3) Reading - beyond what we read in Pre AP English 9, summer is a great time to revisit old favorites or pick up something new. Additionally, check out www.poetryoutloud.org to get ready for our school-level competition in the fall! Websites like the poetryfoundation.org and poets.org also feature Poem-A-Day apps.