

## AP Literature Summer Assignments

### Part I- Literary Analysis

- Read *No Country for Old Men* by Cormac McCarthy.
- After finishing the novel, write an organized response to one of the open-ended essay prompts listed below. Responses should be typed and shared with Mrs. Brown (cbrown@pinewoodprep.com) **by the first day of school.**
- You will receive a minor grade for the essay at the start of school. After some class discussion, you will be allowed to make revisions before submitting the essay for a major grade.

Prompt Option #1 (2004) Critic Roland Barthes has said, "Literature is the question minus the answer." Considering Barthes' observation, write an essay in which you analyze a central question the work raises and the extent to which it offers an answer. Explain how the author's treatment of this question affects your understanding of the work as a whole. Avoid mere plot summary.

Prompt Option #2 (2011) In a novel by William Styron, a father tells his son that life "is a search for justice." Choose a character from the novel who responds in some significant way to justice or injustice. Then write a well-developed essay in which you analyze the character's understanding of justice, the degree to which the character's search for justice is successful, and the significance of this search to the work as a whole.

**Part II-** Please purchase the following AP Literature exam review prep book. You can skim through it, but you do not have to do anything with it. We will use the book throughout the year. Make sure you order the Literature book (not Language). The 2020 edition of the AP Literature prep book will not be released until Aug. 2, 2019, but go ahead and pre-order it so you will hopefully get it in before the start of school.

- *5 Steps to a 5: AP English Literature, 2020 edition*, ISBN 10: 1260455661