

## **SUMMER REQUIREMENT FOR AP ENGLISH IV**

**Mrs. Asselta**

**The following works must be read carefully in preparation for a test which will be given by the instructor the first week of school. This test will be the first major grade in the marking period.**

**These five works serve a multitude of purposes. They form a springboard for the pool of literature that will be covered in the course serving as a foundation for all types of literature. They are both contemporary and classic, comic and tragic. The five works demonstrate a multitude of structural and stylistic devices, manifest literary language at its finest while exemplifying major themes covered throughout the year. The literature studied throughout the year will be related to the works from the summer reading forming a notable connection between the summer reading list and the school year list. These works are intended to incite in the student a love of reading and a true appreciation for all types of literature. Lastly, the works serve as a wonderful preparation for the Advanced Placement English Literature Test which will be taken in May, as many of these works are frequently chosen for the open ended essays.**

Native Son Richard Wright

The Scarlet Letter Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Odyssey Homer

I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings Maya Angelou

The Grapes of Wrath John Steinbeck