



## Ocean City High School Summer Assignment 2021

<b>Course</b>	AP Literature and Composition	<b>Teacher</b>	Mrs. Christine Barnes
<b>Email</b>	Cbarnes23@comcast.net	<b>Due Date</b>	On/before August 27, 2021 and 1 <sup>st</sup> day of class
<b>Standards</b>	Close reading: character, setting, plot, conflict, implicit/explicit meaning, theme as directed by College Board Writing: exploring themes/purpose using textual support; personal essay		
<b>Topic</b>	Novel study, writing and thinking		
<b>Purpose</b>	Close reading, annotating and thinking at the university level		
<b>Text/Novel(s) &amp; Brief Description</b>			
<i>Please see note below.</i> All books must be purchased or borrowed from public library.			
<b>Approximate Time on Task</b>			
Choice novel and letter & Required novel: 20 hours depending on the reader's approach			
<b>Suggested Timeline</b>			
Choice novel and letter on/before August 27, 2021 Required novel before 1 <sup>st</sup> day of class College essay draft on/around September 10, 2021			
<b>How It Will Be Assessed</b>			
Letter: 50 pts. based on style, depth and support of thoughts Test: Amateur A True Story About What Makes a Man by Thomas Page McBee			

Welcome to AP English 12 Literature and Composition!

Before I review the summer reading assignments, please know that I will collect the first draft of your *college essay on/around September 10, 2021*.

Summer reading traditionally marks the start of a rigorous program; however, since you enjoy summer, reading and relying on your own merit to evaluate and assess a literary work rather than resorting to a film or plot summary, I know the summer read will be a pleasant experience for you.

If you wish to get a head start and begin reading early, make sure you review what you read as it gets closer to September so that you refresh your memory to be able to effectively contribute to class discussion.

**Choice Novel:**

*The Bastard of Istanbul* by Elif Shafak (357 pages)

OR

*Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward (304 pages)

Upon completion, please write me a letter of **no less** than two typed pages exploring: How does your choice novel inform an **important issue in the world today?**

Within this *informal* analysis, weave in how the issue and the novel's exploration of the issue **connects to you**.

These "letters" are to be sent via regular mail (not e-mail, or self-delivered) to:

Christine Barnes

14 Stagecoach Road

Marmora, NJ 08223

**Postmarked on or before**, August 27, 2021

**Late letters will not be accepted**

**Then, please read:**

*Amateur: A True Story About What Makes a Man* by Thomas Page McBee (195 pages)

**Be prepared to complete a test during the first week of class.**

I am looking forward to working with you. Remember that you can make it a most memorable experience if you are willing to renew your commitment to hard work and learning for its own sake. Have a relaxing summer. See you in September.

Christine Barnes

