

# AP Lit 2010 Summertime Specials

As a prerequisite for the course, the summer entails doing some reading and writing. Please read the directions carefully and note the deadlines. Should you need (or want) assistance, contact me via email at [kathryn.d.brown@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.d.brown@gmail.com). Be sure each assignment is postmarked with the proper postage by the required deadline to Mrs. Kathryn Brown, 21 Kimberly Lane, Morrisonville, NY 12962. Late work receives half the grade earned. If Assignments #1 and #2 are not received before school starts, your class schedule is remade for you.

## ASSIGNMENT #1 -- Postmarked by July 17

Thoughtfully and actively read *The Catcher in the Rye*, *The Pearl*, *Animal Farm*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, or *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.

Actively read with a pen in hand. Stop every few pages (or more for the shorter works) to keep a running record of your thoughts. A few suggestions: record how you are responding, what you are thinking about, why you are reacting the way you are. Include questions, predictions, connections, comments, and evaluations. Be specific but concise – long answers are not necessarily better than short ones. Note the page number each time you respond.

## ASSIGNMENT #2-- Postmarked by August 14

Thoughtfully read *Reflections on a Gift of Watermelon Pickle ... and Other Modern Verse*. For each poem, comment on content and style. Be specific yet concise. Don't agonize over a poem!

## ASSIGNMENT #3 – Due September 10

Carefully read *A Lesson Before Dying*. Take notes as you feel necessary to complete the essay prompt and remember the text. (Don't mail the notes.)

With **fluency**, demonstrate **insight** into the text's **meaning** using specific **textual evidence**. Start with an arguable thesis and then defend it. (Answer the *so what?* of the text.) Include a handwritten double spaced front only rough draft and a double spaced final copy of 350-500 words using Arial or Times New Roman size 14 with 1" margins.