

English 11 AP Language Summer Reading Assignment

As part of the English 11 AP Language curriculum, you will be expected to read *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury and *From Baghdad, With Love* by Jay Kopelman and Melinda Roth. I have some copies of each if you need to borrow one. You may also buy your own copy (I suggest used copies from amazon.com or other book websites) or borrow one from a former AP student or local library; however, *From Baghdad, With Love* is a new addition to summer reading so former AP students may not have a copy. **In addition to reading, you are expected to complete the following assignments individually and any plagiarism or copying from another student will result in a zero for the assignments. See me if you need clarification of plagiarism. Please be advised there has been a change in policy concerning summer reading assignments. If you choose to drop the class, you must do so prior to the first day of school. If you drop AP on or after the first day of school, the grades you receive for the summer reading assignments will follow you to your regular English class and be averaged with your first six weeks grade.** There are two books to read, and although neither of them is difficult, try to pace yourself so that you are not reading both in August. If you have any questions during the summer, please feel free to email me at caseyking23@gmail.com, and I'll get back to you with an answer. **All assignments are due the first day your class meets.**

Fahrenheit 451

This novel is usually a big hit among students. It is an inspiring, prophetic book that really makes you think, "Could that happen here?" It is a short, fast read, and Ray Bradbury is a master of the English language and the element of suspense. For this book, you will keep a reader's log. Be sure that your entries are high level, thought-provoking statements or questions that are of AP merit. These will be used for discussion. Your log needs to be a minimum of three pages. I would prefer that it is typed using the format on the back of this paper, which is Microsoft Excel or you could insert a table in Microsoft Word. If that is not possible, any word processing will do. See or email me if you need clarification.

From Baghdad, With Love

This novel is a biographical account of Marine Lieutenant Colonel Jay Kopelman that tells a story that is both affectionate and stimulating. It candidly portrays the ugly conditions of wartime Iraq and how with the discovery of an unlikely companion, Jay and fellow marines were brought out of the darkness of war. For this book, you will also keep a reader's log. Follow the

same instructions for the *Fahrenheit 451* assignment. Your log needs to be a minimum of three pages. See or email me if you need clarification.

With both assignments, the reader's logs will be used for discussion and also for future writing assignments.