

DUE August 9, 2023<sup>1</sup>

## **Advanced Placement Literature and Composition Required Summer Reading**

### **Book choices (choose two)**

*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini (371 Pages)

*Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah (304 Pages)

*Animal Farm* by George Orwell (105 Pages)

### **Paper heading:**

Your heading should be in the upper-right corner of the page, and it should look like this:

**Kyle Shelton** (Put your name, not mine)

**Summer Reading Response #1** (#2 for the second response)

**AP Literature and Composition**

**August 15, 2023** (The date you turn it in)

### **Assignment<sup>2</sup>:**

1. You will write a 50-word response for each of the prompts below, which means you will end up with a total of **200 points (25 points per response per book)**.
2. Because there are four prompts, you will end up writing a total of 400 words.
3. Each response must consist of:
  - 3.1. An excerpt (passage quoted from the book)
  - 3.2. Its accompanying 50-word response

### **Choosing excerpts:**

The excerpt should allow you to deeply reflect on the author's craft and purpose, so choose a passage you find interesting, engaging, troubling, beautiful, controversial, or difficult. Choose carefully because you will be expected to analyze the author's style, literary techniques, tone and mood of each passage.

### **Writing a response:**

Your response is not a summary of the passage or the book. You should assume your reader has already read the book. Instead, your response has to be an analysis based on the questions in the prompt. If you have questions about what this means, please e-mail me at [kshelton@pcsboe.us](mailto:kshelton@pcsboe.us) before you submit your completed assignment.

Your response paragraphs should be at least 50 words each, excluding the passage that you quote from the book itself. Include your word count at the end of each response.

Plagiarism will not be permitted and will not be scored. Each required prompt is below.

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<sup>1</sup> Or the first date Schoology is open to all students.

<sup>2</sup> These assignments are worth two test grades.

**Prompt 1 – Setting**

What is the author's purpose in this passage? How is the setting in this excerpt important to the author's purpose? Does it establish sympathy, symbolize despair, indicate hope, or what?

**Prompt 2 – Symbolism**

What symbol is in your excerpt? What does it symbolize? How does this relate to the other elements of the book?

**Prompt 3 – Theme**

Explain what you think the author is trying to say about society in this book. How does the excerpt you chose support that?

**Prompt 4 – Characterization**

Choose an excerpt near the beginning of the novel that focuses on a specific character and his/her development. Then choose an excerpt near the end of the novel that focuses on that same character and shows how he/she has changed. Summarize the character development/change in your response.