



CARL SANDBURG HIGH SCHOOL

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Senior Advanced Placement Literature and Composition

Summer Assignment 2017-2018 School Year: Carl Sandburg High School

As a way of starting the discussion about the literary themes that make up Senior AP Literature and Composition, we are providing you with two selections that you should read during your summer break. It is our hope that reading these authors and their works will begin the process of thinking deeply and meaningfully about literature. While reading, your focus should be on the characters: their motivations, their conflicts, and the consequences of those conflicts. Use your knowledge of human nature and your prior knowledge in your English coursework to view, assess, and evaluate these characters. Look at them as more than just names in a book; look at them as examples, albeit hyperbolic examples, of what real people experience.

Reading Requirements:

The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams

A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen

These texts are available at the library and most bookstores.

Activities:

1. Carefully read the plays.
2. Annotate each text. Do a close reading, making marginal notations. This will be graded.
3. A common assessment will be administered **within the first week of the school year.**

Feel free to contact any of the AP teachers listed below with any questions that you may have.

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