

June 2024

Dear AP English IV Student:

You have been assigned *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri and *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston for the summer reading assignment.

All assignments must be uploaded to turnitin.com (Class ID = 44088580 and Enrollment Key = APLit2425) and Google Classroom (Class Code = 4u353u7 or <https://classroom.google.com/c/Njg0MTA1OTM0NDg0?cjc=4u353u7> ) by the date indicated next to the assignment. All items should be typed in Times New Roman, size 12 font, and double-spaced using MLA format. Submit to turnitin first.

Assignments:

1. *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

The most fateful moment of Janie's life involves a dog with "pure hate" in his eyes. In light of Janie's character, how does this dog represent everything she has come to fear? Read from another angle, how could this battle between the dog, Tea Cake, and Janie be interpreted as an allegory of racism? Respond in an essay of at least 750 words. Use apt, specific text evidence to support your claim. **SUBMIT FIRST TO TURNITIN AND THEN TO GOOGLE CLASSROOM. DUE 8/4/24**

2. *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri

A common event throughout *The Namesake* is parties. Parties occur for many reasons and with many different groups of people. Analyze the social, cultural, and familial roles of parties in the novel. How are the parties Gogol attends different at various points throughout his life? How does this relate to his character and identity? Respond in an essay of at least 750 words. Use apt, specific text evidence to support your claim. **SUBMIT FIRST TO TURNITIN AND THEN TO GOOGLE CLASSROOM. DUE 9/2/24**

Have a safe, fun summer! We look forward to your return to school in September.

Sincerely,

Members of the English Department