

# **Summer Reading 2016**

Upper School Humanities
AP Literature
Ms. Gleicher

## **ENTERING AP Literature**

## AP Literature Summer Assignment

### Task 1:

Please select **2** of the texts below that you have not yet read to read and carefully annotate. If you have previously read 2 or more of these texts, please speak with Ms. Gleicher for an alternate suggestion.

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
A Separate Peace by John Knowles
City of Thieves by David Benioff

## Task 2:

Write an essay that compares and contrasts the authors' attitudes towards a particular theme in two of these three books. Some possible theme choices might be friendship, love, war, masculinity, fate, betrayal, and storytelling. You are welcome to invent your own theme as well. Your essay should be 3-5 pages, double spaced, typed, and submitted on the first day of classes.

Below is a sample analytical essay written by an AP Literature student last year. It's slightly longer than the page requirement and centers around two different texts, but I thought including a model of "strong writing" would help guide you as you complete your own papers this summer.

#### Sample Essay

Please don't hesitate to reach out to <u>rachel.gleicher@woosterschool.org</u> with any questions or concerns.