

**Summer Reading 2008  
American Literature (CP)**

Dear Students of 2008-2009 CP American Literature:

In addition to taking a well-deserved rest, I hope that you find time this summer to continue to expand the breadth and depth of your reading. Each student in CP American Literature is required to read four books over the summer.

Two books are required (Kurt Vonnegut's *Slaughter-House Five* and Toni Morrison's *Sula*). We will begin in the fall with these works and they will occupy class discussion and the writing for the course over the first several weeks of the first quarter.

One book must be selected from the list of recommended titles given below.

The final selection is a free choice, but you are welcome to consult me during the next few days as you complete your final examinations or over the summer (bweaver@lenoxps.org).

Thank you and I look forward to a great year,  
Ben Weaver

<b>Required</b>
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Kurt Vonnegut, *Slaughter-House Five*  
Toni Morrison, *Sula*

<b>Recommended</b> (pick <u>one</u> from this list):
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Sandra Cisneros, *Woman Hollering Creek*  
Gish Jen, *Mona in the Promised Land*  
Barbara Kingsolver, *The Bean Trees*  
Cormac McCarthy, *All the Pretty Horses*  
Tim O'Brien, *In the Lake of the Woods*  
Jhumpa Lahiri, *The Interpreter of Maladies*

<b>Free Choice</b>
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Drop by my classroom during final exams or email me over the summer (bweaver@lenoxps.org) for recommendations.