

Mulberry High School
AP Summer Expectations & Assignments

Mulberry High School's goals of summer assignments for students are:

1. To reinforce the habit of reading for pleasure, enrichment, and information;
2. To explore scientific concept sand historical concepts from multiple viewpoints;
3. To research and investigate artists, trends, processes, and concepts;
4. To allow students to preview and build excitement for a course;
5. To maintain active reading, writing, and research skills during the summer months.

Summer Assignments:

To help prepare advanced studies students for the academic rigor that is required for an advanced studies course, summer assignments are **highly recommended** for most of the courses. Summer assignments will be posted on the school website by **May 31** and will be available through the summer. Be sure to follow all of the directions and any due dates specifically listed in the assignment for all Advanced Placement courses by the instructor, as well as submission options.

Summer assignments will be evaluated by the assigned instructor and may factor in a student's first semester average. Students should prepare to have all assignments completed by the first day of school or as otherwise noted. Individual course syllabi will inform students of specific criteria for each course.

AP summer learning is designed to prepare students for AP testing as well as to offer the experience of the intellectual depth and rigor of college level coursework. Research indicates that those who read more read and write better and have stronger vocabularies. Our research indicates that at many of the **best** high schools, AP English students read up to twenty texts each year. It is our goal to model our class experiences after the country's best programs, so we will do a considerable amount of reading over the summer and during your school year.

From the school website, students will be able to access assignments to complete during the summer, listed by AP class. Assignments and readings must be completed before students enter the class as preparation for course work and final AP testing in the spring. Failure to complete summer assignments will leave students at a disadvantage, as they link to other activities throughout the courses. The expectation is to encourage thoughtful inquiry, in-depth thinking, creative problem-solving and an excitement for learning and sharing.