

THE A.P. ENGLISH 11-12 SUMMER READING REQUIREMENT

The joys of the summer reading program will be greater for A. P. students, because they have the privilege of reading not one, but two books. Your two books will be **Crime and Punishment**, a Russian novel by Fyodor Dostoevsky from the 19th century, and **Wuthering Heights**, a 19th century British novel by Emily Bronte.

We will be using both books in class during the first semester. You will not be required to complete study guides; you merely must read the books and take the reading tests on the dates indicated. The reading tests are designed make the reading of the actual books instead of study notes much more advantageous.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT, by Fyodor Dostoevsky

Test date: Wednesday, August 24 (the second day of school)

This lengthy novel tells the story of a student named Raskolnikov who attempts the perfect murder. His tormented conscience demands confession and punishment, but Raskolnikov does not easily yield to it. The main characters who interact with Raskolnikov are his sister, Dounia; Sonia, a prostitute; Porfiry, the inspector of police; Razumihin, Raskolnikov's friend; and a couple of very flawed guys named Svidigralov and Luzhin.

WUTHERING HEIGHTS, by Emily Bronte

Test date: Friday, August 26 (the fourth day of school)

This novel appears to be a romantic novel, but it actually is the story of revenge. The story is set on adjoining estates, Thrushcross Grange, the home of the Lintons, and Wuthering Heights, the home of the Earnshaws. The narrator, a very minor character named Lockwood, attempts to find out from the housekeeper, Nelly Dean, just how these two estates got to their present condition, and also just what is the story of the present owner, a rather sullen man known as Heathcliff.

Here is a family tree of the two main families, which won't make much sense until you read the book.

