

## **English 12 AP Literature and Composition Summer Reading List 2017-2018**

Students who are enrolled in English 12 Advanced Placement Literature and Composition for the next school year should read **two** works before the first day of class (one is required; one is choice-driven). Annotate or take notes on your readings since you will be evaluated on the texts sometime during the first two weeks of the semester. Be sure to pay close attention to what the author is doing both stylistically and thematically.

### **REQUIRED:**

#### **Toni Morrison *Song of Solomon* (1977)**

Follow Macon “Milkman” Dead, a young man lacking a connection with his community and history, as he sets off on a journey of both cultural and self- discovery.

### **CHOOSE ONE FROM THE SELECTIONS BELOW:**

#### **Arthur Miller *Death of a Salesman* (1949)**

Written in the tradition of social realism, this play raises questions about social values and the American Dream as we are privy to the conversations and personal reflections of Willy Loman during the last 24 hours of his life.

#### **August Wilson *Fences* (1983)**

Set in Pittsburgh in the 1950s and part of Wilson’s acclaimed “Pittsburgh Cycle,” *Fences* is a drama that explores themes of race, dreams, and betrayal through the complicated relationships in the Maxson family.

