

AP English Literature and Composition
Summer Reading Essay 2011



The Sun Also Rises Ernest Hemingway
The Bell Jar Sylvia Plath
Medea Euriprides
Bless Me, Ultima Rudolfo Anaya

The summer reading list is on the MMA website. As it instructs, in addition to the novels, you must also locate and read an analytical article on **one** of the summer reading novels. The databases on the MMA library website are a good place to start looking. If you don't have the passwords, you should obtain them from the library before the end of the school year. After reading the analytical article addressing one of the summer reading novels, write a two to three page essay on the following:



Discuss the difference between your original understanding of the novel and your understanding after reading the analytical essay on the book. How did your perspective of the book change? Did the analytical work clarify some aspects of the book or did it simply confuse you? In what ways did the analytical work give you a deeper appreciation for the book?

This paper is due on the first day of class. Please print out a copy of your critical article to hand in with your paper. Be sure to contact me over the summer with any questions or if you are having trouble finding an appropriate article. mnuttle@mtmercy.org

