

## AP SUMMER READING ESSAYS

**DIRECTIONS:** Answer all three of the following essay questions. Be sure to follow all the conventions of standard written English and to use at least five paragraphs for each question. Your answers **MUST** be typed in a 12 pt font with one inch margins on the top, bottom and sides. This essay will be due the first day of class.

1. Consider the true stories of *Night* and *Hiroshima*. Both works deal with human suffering and loss. In a well-written essay, briefly discuss the suffering that happened in both novels (be specific) and then identify which experience you feel was more difficult to endure. Be sure to use examples from the work to support your opinion.
2. Consider the novel *A Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*. In a carefully constructed essay, identify the author's intended effect on the reader and the ways in which the author recreates his experiences as a slave. Consider such elements as diction, imagery, selection of detail and tone.
3. The novel *My Antonia* is about enduring friendship. Using examples from the novel as well as your life and history, defend (agree), challenge (disagree) or qualify (agree and disagree) the following statement.

After building a strong foundation, a true friendship may then be maintained with limited contact throughout the ensuing years.