**AP English Literature**

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**Requirements**:

* Your reduction must be **TWO PAGES ONLY** – yep, only 2 pages for all the books! You can use text boxes, a great big chart, or bullets – be creative here! Think about what visual format will help you best remember the points you want to make.
* It should be in LANDSCAPE orientation (horizontal for those math challenged people; not like this page). ☺
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**Required Sections:**

* Title ● Theme, underlying meaning/message
* Significance of title ● Brief, important quote(s)
* Author ● Important literary devices: motifs, symbol, irony, etc.
* Setting ● Structure as it relates to topical issues
* Major Characters ● YOUR CHOICE OF ADDITIONAL TOPIC
* Highlights of Plot ● YOUR CHOICE OF ADDITIONAL TOPIC

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