

# AP English Choice Genre Reading

You **MUST** read **TWO** from **ONE OF THE SETS OF LITERATURE** listed, and write an essay on the question presented with the chosen literature set.

*Catcher in the Rye* by **J.D. Salinger**  
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by **Maya Angelou**  
*The Secret Life of Bees* by **Sue Monk Kidd**

**Question:** How do the personal and social concerns of the main (teenage) characters compare?

---

*Pride and Prejudice* by **Jane Austin**  
*Jane Eyre* by **Charlotte Bronte**  
*Wuthering Heights* by **Emily Bronte**

**Question:** How do the issues confronting the female characters in the novels compare to the issues facing women today?

---

*The Women of Brewster Place* by **Gloria Naylor**  
*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by **Zora Neale Hurston**  
*The Color Purple* by **Alice Walker**

**Question:** A common cliché states “You can take the girl out of the South, but you can’t take the South out of the girl.” How is this idea, that we are inextricably connected to where and how we grow up, demonstrated by 1-2 characters in two of the novels?

---

*The Grapes of Wrath* by **John Steinbeck**  
*Cry, The Beloved Country* by **Alan Paton**  
*Raisin in the Sun* (play) by **Lorraine Hansberry**

**Question:** Many of the characters in these pieces undertake pilgrimages or journeys, both physically and emotionally. Pick two characters and compare their journeys.