

# ISPA Summer Reading 2017

## Incoming 12th Grade Honors English IV

The Summer Reading Assignment is due September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### Assignment #1

Download and complete the 2017 Common Application for College. Please go to <https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/DownloadForms.aspx> for the form.

### Assignment #2

Choose one of the following Common Application prompts and write a 500-700-word essay. Your voice should come through your essay. Make sure to elaborate and add details to your response. Your essay must be typed and printed.

### Common Application Essay Prompts

The 2017-2018 Common Application Essay Prompts are as follows.

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from *obstacles we encounter* can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a *challenge, setback, or failure*. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you *questioned* or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your *thinking*? What *was the outcome*?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

### Assignment #3

Read the book, 1984 by George Orwell, and be prepared for an essay test on or around September 1, 2017.

