Directions: Read the following books over the summer.

*The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne  
Classic tale is about Hester Prynne, her lover, their child, and Hester's husband, and the effect of sin on the mind and spirit of these characters.

“On the Shortness of Life” by Seneca, translated by John W. Basore  
The Stoic writings of the philosopher Seneca, who lived from c. 5 BC to AD 65, offer powerful insights into the art of living, the importance of reason and morality, and continue to provide profound guidance to many through their eloquence, lucidity and timeless wisdom.

Students taking AP Language are NOT required to complete dialectical notes, but they should be prepared to write about and discuss their reading during the first week of school, and have an assessment on the reading on the first day of school.