

AP Literature and Composition Summer Reading Assignment 2021

Welcome to your senior year and to AP Lit and Composition. While this will be a challenging class, it is my hope that it will also be a meaningful experience. The standards and expectations are high, but the rewards can be equally great.

Things to Expect During the Year:

- Reading...lots of reading
- Writing... lots of writing
- Full class readings as well as independent reading
- Not everything will be graded (there are things College Board doesn't allow me to grade), but EVERYTHING we do has a purpose
- The test you take at the end of the year is hard, and we will prepare for it; however, this class is about far more than the test
- Memorization of poetry
- Formal presentations
- Major papers
- Timed writings

The summer reading assignment is required.

It has three parts:

1. Read *How to Read Literature like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster.
2. Read one novel or play of your choosing from the list of texts that have shown up on the AP Literature exam in the past several decades. Some are classic, some are modern, all have been deemed to have literary merit. Do not reread something; choose something you haven't read.
 - a. Here is the [list](#).
 - b. Be prepared to expound on your chosen text in some manner.

***DO NOT READ THE FOLLOWING WORKS AS YOUR SUMMER READING SELECTION AS WE WILL READ THEM TOGETHER IN CLASS:**

- *Frankenstein*
 - *Purple Hibiscus*
 - *Macbeth*
 - *Fences*
3. Complete the assignment with Biblical allusions ([attached here](#)).

Some important information regarding the allusions assignment:

*Due to the in-depth study of Biblical allusions in literature, one summer assignment is reading a variety of Biblical selections used in classic literature. Please note – we are using the Bible as a literary text/reference – not for religious purposes.

