

AP Literature and Composition

2018-19 Summer Reading Assignments

Due on August 15, 2018

REQUIRED: You must read ALL THREE of the following:

- 1.) *How to Read Literature like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster https://www.amazon.com/How-Read-Literature-Like-Professor/dp/0062301675/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1526311033&sr=1-1&keywords=how+to+read+literature+like+a+professor
 - **Corresponding assignment:** There will be a quiz over this book when you return to school in August. I recommend taking notes about the main ideas of each chapter while you read!

- 2.) *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte (please get the Norton Critical Edition if you can):
https://www.amazon.com/Jane-Fourth-Norton-Critical-Editions/dp/0393264874/ref=sr_1_5?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1526311154&sr=1-5&keywords=jane+eyre)
 - **Corresponding assignment:** Complete an AP Lit Major Works Overview, **and** be ready for class discussion and writing about the book. I highly recommend annotating the novel as you read or, if you're using a library copy, taking notes.

- 3.) **Contemporary Choice** – read one of the following that you have NOT read before:
 - *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini https://www.amazon.com/Kite-Runner-Khaled-Hosseini/dp/159463193X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1526311382&sr=1-1&keywords=the+kite+runner
 - *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri https://www.amazon.com/Namesake-Novel-Jhumpa-Lahiri/dp/0618485228/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1526311410&sr=1-1&keywords=the+namesake
 - *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood https://www.amazon.com/Handmaids-Tale-Margaret-Atwood/dp/038549081X/ref=sr_1_4?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1526311449&sr=1-4&keywords=the+handmaid%27s+tale
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 - Either annotate your book as you read or, if you're using a library copy, take notes. I will collect your annotated book or your notes on the first day of school.
 - Complete an AP Lit Major Works Overview.

RECOMMENDED:

- Keep up (even sporadically) with Poem-a-Day online at <https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem-day> . You can sign up to have this emailed to you every day, too.

- Pick a book (or two... or six ☺) to read for pleasure!
- WRITE. Keep a journal. Write actual letters to people – letters of appreciation, letters of apology, letters of whatever you need to say that is more easily written than spoken. Compose haikus about the most seemingly mundane of situations or most beautiful things you observe. Notice the ways writing fits in with your daily life, both functionally and recreationally.
- Keep up with what's going on in the world – read or watch some news, engage in discussions with your family members or peers, be curious, and be aware of the difference between fact and opinion.

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Explain and provide examples of any THREE aspects of the author's style:	
Identify important characters and their roles in the work, and describe each one in three adjectives (more room is provided on the back of this page):	

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Identify any three themes of this work:

Write at least three interesting essay topics for this work:

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