

AP English Literature & Composition—2023-2024 School Year

Dear Rising Senior:

Congratulations on starting your final year of high school! In preparation for the upcoming school year in this class, you will have required summer reading. The book you will need to have completed by the first day of school is entitled:

***How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Revised Edition* by Thomas C. Foster (ISBN-13: 9780062301673)**

*Please acquire a copy of this book. * You will need it during our study the first several weeks of school and, on occasion, throughout the school year. Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or 2nd and Charles are good places to purchase them. **PURCHASE IT EARLY**—summer work will be something we reference all year. **HINT: nothing goes away in AP Lit. We will be referring back to everything we do at some point in the year, including books and strategies—this is NOT for completion.**

In addition to an in-depth literary study and annotation of this book, you have continued vocabulary study that will need to be completed in full before the first day of school. For a variety of reasons, I do not recommend waiting until the end of the summer. The directions and details for this assignment are attached—they are detailed, so READ THEM. Additionally, be prepared for a Socratic Seminar in the beginning of the school year. Everything you will need is in this packet and under the Summer Work tab on my teacher page. I recommend signing up for Remind, so you can message me with any questions and receive reminders.

Handouts and guides for all of the summer work (including MLA), strategies that will extend into the school year and other assignments, are located on my teacher page. You should know how to annotate, read for meaning (analysis), select vocabulary thoughtfully and intelligently, correctly use MLA style formatting and citations, and effectively construct a critical analysis piece of writing when you come into my class on the first day of school.

This assignment is due on the first day of school (August 7th) and will count for a minor grade (60%) for the first grading period—LATE WORK IS NOT AN OPTION IN A COLLEGE LEVEL CLASS. A significant skill in this course will be time management. College professors WILL NOT take your work after a deadline.

If you need any assistance during the summer, or have questions about the books or associated work, please don't hesitate to reach out. My email address is hamilka@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us.

I am looking forward to working with you this year in AP Literature!!

Ms. Hamilton

****Please note: if you contact me between July 14-22, I will be out of the country with limited email access. I will respond no later July 25th.**

AP Literature & Composition Summer Work (12th grade)

Ms. Katelyn Hamilton

Part one: Read the following book and respond to the prompt below.

1. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor (Revised Edition)* by

Thomas C. Foster

In AP Literature, we will be reading and analyzing many different texts in which we analyze nuances such as theme, symbolism, characterization, etc. in order to determine the various interpretations of literature as it applies to social, cultural, and historical contexts.

In a 850-950 word response (MLA format: Typed, double spaced, 12-pt font, Times New Roman, include header and heading), choose ONE chapter from *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, and ONE novel you have fully read, and explain how the concepts of the chapter on literary analysis apply to your chosen novel. Include specific examples from the work of literature you have chosen to support your points and be sure to state the title of the chapter from Foster's book as well as your chosen piece of literature.

Part two: Vocabulary Study

AP English Literature “Novel” Vocabulary for Summer Study:

Instructions: Define each of the words below BEFORE beginning your summer reading. Make sure to note part-of-speech (verb, noun, adjective) AND if any word can be used in more than one way (verb AND noun, noun AND adjective, etc.); **please indicate BOTH definitions.** ALSO, be able to PRONOUNCE these words. Look up definitions using an actual dictionary or dictionary website – DO NOT choose the first word that pops up on Google—and BEWARE pre-made Quizlets....

These words will recur frequently in the literature we read. I HIGHLY suggest getting an index card ring and begin making flashcards to study—this is the tried and true method for studying vocab, AND WE WILL HAVE REGULAR QUIZZES.

QUIZ: During the first week of school, you will be quizzed over these words. I will shuffle vocabulary cards and randomly draw 10 words. **I will call out each word.** YOUR TASK will be to SPELL and DEFINE each word, earning 5 points for correct spelling/part of speech and 5 points for correct definition (100 points possible). **This will be my vocabulary procedure for the entire year.** NONE of your vocabulary words will “go away.” By the end of the year, I will be shuffling 250-300 words.

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| 1. plaintive | 30. engender |
| 2. portentous | 31. capricious |
| 3. semblance | 32. countenance |
| 4. penury | 33. conjecture |
| 5. desolate | 34. inexorable |
| 6. ascetic | 35. sardonic |
| 7. sullen | 36. impetuous |
| 8. peremptory | 37. equivocal |
| 9. soporific | 38. transitory |
| 10. ludicrous | 39. ephemeral |
| 11. façade | 40. obscure |
| 12. approbation | 41. sanguine |
| 13. interminable | 42. prodigal |
| 14. calumny | 43. discern |
| 15. acquiesce | 44. profligate |
| 16. propitious | 45. languid |
| 17. venerate | 46. sententious |
| 18. phlegmatic | 47. disposition |
| 19. enigma | 48. apoplexy |
| 20. deprecate | 49. insuperable |
| 21. noxious | 50. indefatigable |
| 22. assiduous | |
| 23. solicitous | |
| 24. fastidious | |
| 25. insipid | |
| 26. inveterate | |
| 27. enervate | |
| 28. trepidation | |
| 29. evince | |



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