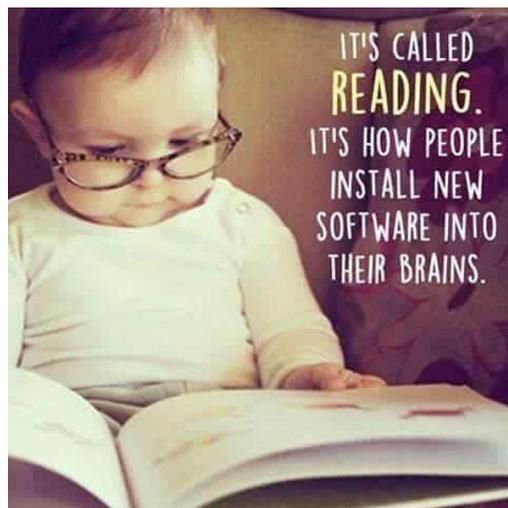


**AP Literature and Composition
Summer Assignment 2019**

Dear Future AP Literature and Composition Students,

Welcome to AP Literature & Composition! I am thrilled you want to join our class on a journey in reading and thinking deeply! I look forward to getting to know you and to helping you develop your confidence in critical reading and writing in the upcoming school year. Over the summer, you will need to read two books.

One of the books focuses on the craft of literary analysis, which will set you up to jump into the school year prepared with a set of tools for reading like a detective (or as a professor, as the book's title claims). The other will provide you with the beginnings of a repertoire of works you can write about on the AP Literature exam at the conclusion of the course. I've curated a list of excellent books from diverse authors and in unique styles, so feel free to try something new.



Book 1 - *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster

Book 2 - Choice novel: Below is a list from which you may select. These are “works of literary merit” as the College Board dubs them. Your summer selection will start building a literary library in your mind that you can write about on the AP Literature exam next spring; any of these books will help enrich your experience and hopefully stimulate your imagination. You will need to annotate the novel so that you can use it for an initial essay early on in the school year. Note that an annotation check will be among the first class assignments.

Catch 22

Crime and Punishment

Cry, the Beloved Country

Great Expectations

How the Garcia Girls Lost Their

Accents

Homegoing

Invisible Man

Siddhartha

Snow Falling on Cedars

What is the What

If you have any questions or want to discuss which book you might best enjoy, feel free to email me. I am truly looking forward to creating a collaborative class. Together, we can support each other in learning as never before. Taking my class also means you are part of a crowdsourced library of knowledge of great literature, so you should read *thoughtfully*. Do not rely on summaries or websites — they are like reading a facebook page, when reading the book is more like dating for awhile (you really get to know each other). If you are committed and focused, this class can ultimately help you transform as a thinker. We will all have insights and interpretations to offer each other, and that's what makes the course amazing — a growing, thoughtful you! Happy reading this summer! I'm here if you need me.

Warmly,

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