

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

AP LITERATURE SUMMER READING

Welcome to AP English Literature and Composition! You've made a big and important choice in selecting an advanced level course! To best prepare you for the next school year, you must complete the following Summer Assignment by the first day of classes in August.

Your Summer Assignment is in TWO PARTS. Both assignments are due the first day of class in August.

PART ONE

Read How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster.

As you read, you should annotate. You may annotate in any way you like, but we recommend using a dialectical journal or Cornell notes. You will be submitting these annotations on the first day. There is no minimum or maximum number of annotations for your book; you simply need to demonstrate that you are interacting with the text in a critical and thoughtful way, deriving your own meaning from what you've read.

PART TWO

Choose a novel from the list below and read it, BUT you should read it using the guidelines and tips that Foster suggests in How to Read Literature Like a Professor. You should annotate the book in any way you like. Again, using a dialectical journal or Cornell notes template will keep your thoughts organized and assist you to dig deeper into the text and the author's purpose.

BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM

A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

Moby Dick by Herman Melville

The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner

The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

Ceremony by Leslie Marmon Silko

Obasan by Joy Kogawa

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte



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PLEASE NOTE

You are responsible for obtaining your own copies of texts. We recommend that you purchase your texts, as that will allow you to make annotations and notes directly in the book itself. You are not required to purchase these texts (you can borrow from someone or from the library), but please be aware that you will be working with these texts during the first few weeks of the first semester at the minimum.

All books on the list are from The Ultimate AP English Literature Reading List, so they have been on past tests.

WHAT TO BRING THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS

How to Read Literature Like a Professor

- Annotated
- If you prefer, a dialectical journal or Cornell notes

Your Choice Novel

- Annotated
- If you prefer, a dialectical journal or Cornell notes