

Dear Pre-AP Sophomore 2019-20,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the next step in Pre-AP English. Your freshman year has prepared you for close-reading, annotation, and analysis. Our class is centered around building on these skills. Enjoy your summer, and as you do so, please complete the summer reading assignment outlined below.

We know summer reading is not your favorite, but we promise it's not a punishment. Reading fluency relies heavily on you actually reading, especially when you're not in school. When it comes to analysis, writing, critical thinking, and vocabulary, reading is the best thing you can do, which is why we want you making that a part of your world over the summer, even if it's just a small part.

The reading should be done by **the first day of school**. Our first few weeks of school will revolve around this assignment.

Assignment:

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

Do not be fooled by its dry title. This book will give you a refresher on how to "read between the lines" by breaking down literary analysis into easy to understand pieces with wonderful and varying examples. It's not a "story," but if you give him a chance, you will really like Foster's writing style. Reading this will also allow you to move forward without a long review of how and what to look for when analyzing. Beyond its literary merit, it is **imperative** that you do your summer reading since you will be assessed over this reading the **first weeks back!** Books can be purchased in stores or online. Please make sure you are purchasing the "Revised Edition" of the book, as this does include some different chapters than the original.

We are not asking for extensive annotations, as this is a non-fiction instructional text, but you should be highlighting key points and providing a very short summary at the end of each chapter (1-3 sentences). In addition, for each chapter, make a list of any books, plays, movies, tv shows, etc., that could be used as examples within that chapter.

Since the rest of this year will consist of a good deal of student choice, I don't have a comprehensive reading list. However, you will always be given time to purchase books as the year goes on. We will talk more about this during the first week of school.

Have a great summer, and we look forward to working with you this fall!

If you have any questions, please email us.

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