

Dear Advanced Sophomore 2021-2022,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the next step in Advanced English. We know 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. Our first few weeks of school will revolve around this assignment.

Summer Reading Assignment: *How to Read Literature Like a Professor for Kids* 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. There is an "adult" version of this book, which is what we typically use, but this newer edition made for "Young Readers" should provide examples that hit closer to home.

We are not asking for extensive annotations, as this is a non-fiction instructional text, but we are asking that you:

- highlight key points
- provide a statement of purpose for each chapter, i.e.-What's the gist of the chapter?
- make a list at the end of each chapter of books, plays, movies, tv shows etc. that could be used as examples within that chapter.
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As the rest of the school year involves quite a bit of student choice, we can't give you a reading list for the entire year at this time. We will discuss this more 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.

Sincerely,

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