

ESP English

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2019

Dear Students:

Listed below are tasks that you need to complete over the summer in order to get off to a great start next August. Please e-mail (ferrarilangteacher@gmail.com) me if you have any questions.

Reading:

You are to obtain a copy of *How to Read Literature like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster. You can purchase it online or through a bookstore, such as *Barnes and Noble* or *Amazon*. Next, choose one of the texts below:

- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
- Like Water for Chocolate by
- Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
- Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

You will be using both of these books quite extensively, annotating and marking them up, so you might want to get a used copy of your text and *How to Read Literature*.

As mentioned before, you will be **REQUIRED** to annotate the text, marking significant passages and writing abundant marginal notes. You will need to bring both books to class the first day of school so your annotations can be checked. **If you are unsure how to mark a book, I have attached an outline that describes this process in detail. Annotations are a portion of the overall grade.**

Writing:

First, read *How to Read Literature* and then read the text you chose. Apply the novel to a chapter of your choice in Foster. There is a sample essay in the back of Foster to guide you, as well as multiple examples within each chapter. Your chapter response will be a five-paragraph essay between 750 - 1,000 words in length. For example, if you are reading the chapter "He's Blind for a Reason, You Know" in *How to Read Literature*, you will write an essay on the significance of the blind man in your text. **This essay will be due THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

Essays that are submitted after the due date will not be eligible for full credit.

Required Reading Permission Slips Due June 1, 2018

By signing the below, parents are stating they have read and understand the requirements of summer reading. I understand if my child does not complete the summer assignment, they will receive a zero for 15% of their first quarter grade.

Signed: _____ (Parent or guardian signature)

Date: _____

Book Choice

Student Name: _____

Book Title and Author: _____