

LITERATURE SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

2021

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 Mrs. Hayes at (jhayes@rivercityscience.org) 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:

- Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
- Kindred by Octavia Butler
- Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
- Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
- If Beale Street Could Talk by James Baldwin
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

If none of these look interesting to you, choose from this list of 127 texts:

<https://blog.prepscholar.com/ap-literature-reading-list>

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. Essay must be submitted in MLA format. **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.

Terminology:

On the first day of school, we will have a Terms Test over literary and poetic terminology. You will study the list of terms given to you below. Be prepared: **If you fail this test, you will be switched out of AP Literature.**