

AP Lit Summer Reading Assignment

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Our summer homework has many different purposes:

- To help build confidence and competence as readers of complex texts
- To give you an immediate basis for discussion of literature by better understand elements like theme, narrative, viewpoint, symbolism, plot structure, etc.
- To provide you with the beginnings of a repertoire of works you can write about on the AP Lit exam next spring
- To help build authentic connections and begin to dig deeper into different texts
- To begin successfully managing your time and expectations for this course

If you are willing and able to purchase your own copies of these books, you can annotate as you read and will have the books to refer to later in the year. If not, you can find these works in the local library or online (link provided as well). Please note that the successful completion of your summer reading and writing assignments is a prerequisite for continued success in this course. If you do not complete it, you will struggle to stay on the same page as the rest of class.

In this packet, you will find the following items:

1. Assignment #1 - How to Read Literature Like a Professor (pages 2)
2. Assignment #2 - Summer reading (page 3)

If you have questions, please come talk to me during our town hall next Monday, June 8th. Or come see me in room 205 before finals are completed. Finally, if you'd like to contact me over the summer, the best way to do so is via email. My email address is celsik@goldercollegeprep.org

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First Assignment: This must be typed/word processed and will be collected on the first day of school in addition to being submitted online on Google Classroom.

- Read “How to Read Literature Like a Professor” by Thomas C. Foster.
 - Here is the link to the book online.
(http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/huron.english/files/howtoreadliteraturelikeaprofessor_ft.pdf)
- After each chapter (there are 26) summarize 2-3 main points and analyze those points in relation to a work you have read, either in school or out of school. The texts you are referencing must be at the high school level. Connecting any of these chapters to children’s books or something similar does not serve us any purpose. Use multiple sources or texts for your examples. You can use the same text for different chapters’ connections.

Exemplar:

Chapter 1: Every trip is a Quest (Except when it’s not)

Main Ideas (Summary):

- There is usually a quester, a place to go, and a stated reason to go there
- The quester usually encounters numerous challenges and trial that help him/her on the journey
- The ultimate reason for the quest is to gain self-knowledge and understanding

Connection: In *The Kite Runner*, Amir’s quest is to return to this past to set right the wrong he did as a young child. His reason for returning to Afghanistan is to rescue Hassan’s son Sohrab, who has been sold as a child prostitute to Amir and Hassan’s childhood enemy. Amir faces many challenges, including restrictions imposed by the Taliban, and the physical and mental challenge of confronting Assef. Ultimately, having completed his journey, Amir gains valuable knowledge about himself and his relationship to his own past as well as the possibilities of the future.

*Note: The sample provided incorporates the theme of Foster’s chapter (the quester, quest etc.), provides a specific reference to the text, and connects the purpose of the quest as it is incorporated in the book. AVOID PLOT SUMMARY AT ALL COSTS. This is surface level. We are looking to dig much deeper.

Second Assignment: Summer reading

You will have a variety of texts to choose from to read over the summer. It's important to you remember a few things:

1. Choose books that you think would be interesting to read
2. Budget your time wisely for your reading. I know you have a busy summer. Our main goal is to get you some college credit, and it's going to be a lot of work. You are ultimately responsible for your success on the AP test.
3. The more you read (and read well) the more successful you are likely to be when you take the AP test.

Step 1 - Choose 2 texts from the attached list (You will need to either buy these or get them from a library. I suggest the library)

Step 2 - Read those 2 texts

Step 3 - Complete a 1-page reflection for each text. Consider the following questions to help you write your 1 page reflection. This should be a typed, double-spaced reflection.

- Did you like it? Why?
- Did you dislike it? Why?
- What stuck out to you in the text?
- Why do you believe this text comes so highly recommended?