

AP Literature Students:

I would like to welcome you to Advanced Placement English Literature for the 2020-21 academic year. As your instructor, it is my goal to challenge you as a reader, writer and thinker as I strive to empower you with the tools to grow in your understanding, study and love of literature.

AP Literature is a course designed for highly motivated students committed to academic rigor. Students in AP Literature and Composition can expect to read and study plays, epic poems, short stories, novels and poetry of various periods and genres. For the most part, the reading component will be done independently, outside of class. Class time will focus on student-led class discussions and presentations, timed analytical essay writing, AP study skills and testing strategies.

As you may already know, the College Board exam for AP Literature is scheduled for May. Consequently, I would like us to get started on our work for next year through this suggested summer reading assignment.

I have carefully selected each piece in the suggested summer reading assignment to reflect imaginative literature from various genres and periods. Above all else, I hope that you enjoy each piece of literature as you read, analyze, interpret and make connections. Take notes as you read. In addition, take time to reflect and consider the work's theme as well as literary artistry. Also, pay careful attention to the social and historical value the work reflects and embodies. All in all, make reading a deliberate process.

While summer reading assignments cannot be required by district policy, I strongly encourage you to read and familiarize yourself with the following titles prior to the start of school.

1. *1984* by George Orwell (1949) - studied in Semester I
2. *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte (1847)- studied in Semester II

Feel free to contact me this summer with questions or comments regarding any part of the assignment. Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with you.

Respectfully,



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