

AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION SUMMER READING

To: West Seattle High School Senior, Class of 2018

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Overview

Incoming AP Literature students are required to read two books over the summer in preparation for the course and subsequent AP exam. One portion of the AP exam, the Free Response essay, demands that students have a wide range of challenging literary works on which they can draw when writing that essay. The goal of this summer's reading, however, is not to prepare you for the exam but to initiate you into the conversation about ideas through books by reading a classic author and one professor's attempt to guide you through the process of reading literature.

AP Literature *is* college; it not a preparation for college. If you are looking for ways around this reading assignment, you should not enroll in this class.

If you have any questions, write to me at kwhopkins@seattleschools.org

Required

How to Read Literature Like a Professor; A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines, Thomas C. Foster

Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen

Recommended

From *The Bible*: Genesis, Exodus, and one of the synoptic gospels: Matthew or Luke

Requirements

Each student must do the following:

- Read the required books, taking notes or annotating as needed to help you do well on the in-class essay on these books. (Note: There are *many* used copies of the Foster book online for only a couple dollars.)
- For *Pride and Prejudice*, read with a dictionary nearby and a willingness to unpack complex sentences.
- Compile and submit a reading journal for the novel *Pride and Prejudice* which includes TEN passages that you regard as important to the development of the novel. This can be handwritten in a journal or typed. Copy the passage and explain how each one contributes to the novel as a whole. Include page numbers.
- All reading is due at the start of school on September 6, 2017. At that time, you will be expected to identify passages that reflect the character development, setting, and main ideas of the novel. You will also write an in-class essay in which you use the ideas from Foster's book as a guide to analyze the literature you read.