

2024-2025 Summer Reading AP Literature and Composition Wilkeson

Welcome to AP Lit! This summer, I am requiring you to read ONE book, and giving you the OPTION of reading other books IN ADVANCE for outside reading which will be required during the school year.

Required Reading

FIRST, everyone IS REQUIRED to read this book:

How to Read Literature Like a Professor: A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines, Revised Edition by Thomas C. Foster (2014).

This book reveals a lot of “secrets” about how to uncover “deep meaning” when you read great literature. I expect you to be prepared to take a **QUIZ** over the main ideas when you show up the first day, **so know and understand the main idea from each chapter. You may wish to annotate your text with summaries of each chapter in preparation.**

Optional Reading

SECOND, you have the **OPTION** to read any book from the following lists, the AP Classics list, linked [HERE](#), or the AP Contemporary list, linked [HERE](#).

You will be able to use the following details from your reading for our required one-pagers:

1. Title and Author
2. Theme STATEMENT (a **complete sentence**)
3. Major Characters (include notes about details for each)
4. Two key quotes/passages that support/reveal theme or describe a main character
5. Pivotal moments/shifts in the plot line
6. One literary device and how it contributes to meaning/understanding
7. Notes about relevant imagery and/or symbolism

This reading is **NOT** REQUIRED SUMMER READING, but, rather, a chance for you to complete outside reading before the school year begins. If you wish, you may read all three required books over the summer. **The related assignments we will complete during the school year will count as assessment grades**

You may find a new or used copy for a very reasonable price at half.com or amazon.com. I found a used paperback of HTRLLAP for around \$5. You may piggy-back orders with other students to avoid or reduce shipping costs. I may have some copies donated by past students available to you at no charge.

Many of the books on the AP canon list are available free online because they are classics. I highly recommend that you acquire a copy you can freely annotate if at all possible.

Have a fantastic summer, and I'll see you in August! ☺

You may contact me via email with any questions
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*****DO NOT wait until the last minute*****
Rushing is a GUARANTEE
that you will not do your best work.