



AP English: Literature and Composition Summer Assignment

Book 1: How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster

Book 2: Frankenstein; or, the Modern Prometheus by Mary Shelley

Book 3: The Problem of Pain by C.S. Lewis

Book 4: A book of *your choice* from the following options: *Wuthering Heights*, *King Lear*, *Macbeth*, *Crime and Punishment*, *Heart of Darkness*, *Moby Dick*, *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, *Billy Budd*, *Ceremony*, *Persuasion*, *Antigone*, *Of Mice and Men*, *Huckleberry Finn*.

ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE IN HARD COPY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

DIGITAL VERSIONS OF ASSIGNMENTS 3 AND 4 WILL BE SUBMITTED TO

TURNITIN.COM BY THE END OF THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – 11:59 pm (You will be allowed 5% plagiarism).

Assignment for book 1: *buy an actual copy of this book – not digital*. Create a graphic organizer which tracks the following for EVERY chapter: Chapter Number, Chapter Title, Bulleted summary of each chapter's premise, an example Foster lists, an example you know (book, song, or movie). Please ensure that you work independently on this; your answers will be different than all of your peers. The organizer will be due the second day of school.

Assignment for book 2: actually read the book; you'll like it; it's really good. Complete a reading journal for this book while you read it. This will be your first big class grade, and it will be due the first day of school. The requirements for the reading journal follow. You will also be tested on Frankenstein the second week of school.

Assignment for book 3: Read and annotate a copy of this book. Work through your annotations thoughtfully, as Lewis can be a little heady at times. What is he really saying? Then, you will answer this short prompt. This is due the first day of school. It needs to be typed and submitted to turnitin to the first day of school.

1. How does The Bible address personal pain and suffering in light of what it says about the inherent goodness of God? Use three examples from The Bible that look at this specific struggle and add your own commentary on what you think the point is.

Assignment for book 4: you are choosing from these books because they are in the top 20 most referenced pieces of literature of all time for the AP Lit exam. Choose wisely something that interests you as you very well may end up writing on it for the actual exam. Then, use Foster's book H.T.R.L.L.A.P. to analyze what is happening in your choice book. From a "professor's standpoint," what is your author trying to accomplish/say/illustrate/prove AND how is he going about it? Take notes on at least 5 chapters from H.T.R.L.L.A.P. and correlate Foster's points with evidence from your text. This DOES NOT need to be an essay. A well-developed paragraph on each of the five chapters with clear textual connections should suffice. Remember, you are trying to prove that you read, understood, analyzed BOTH texts and that you can apply one to another.

Reading journals:

Buy a composition book dedicated just to English class (you will fill it this year). For every major work we cover, you will complete a reading journal which will then serve as the ultimate study guide come April. For every entry, I may vary the requirements slightly. However, the basic idea is as follows, and this is what you will be assessed on for Frankenstein:

Reading journal requirements:

- **5 points** MLA citation of the work
- **10 points** Background information – brief summary of author, time period, background information that might be relevant (this should be about 1 page)
- **30 points** Major plot points (this should be many pages, bulleted - NOT IN PARAGRAPHS)
- **15 points** Characters with brief description of each major character
- **20 points** Major literary devices you see in the piece with examples (about 10)
- **20 points** Your analysis of the book itself, the author's purpose, and the legacy of the piece

Total 100 points

Annotation link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-zJksh9KGil>

If you are unsure of how to annotate a text, click the following link for a brief overview. You can also search the term "annotation" and find thousands of more detailed explanations.