



"A room without books is like a body without a soul." - Marcus Tullius Cicero

Dear AP English Student:

Welcome to AP English! I am really looking forward to learning together with you next year and would like to get a jump on the novels we need to read. In order to accomplish this, there will be a required summer reading list.

There are three books you need to purchase for summer reading: *How to Read Literature Like a Professor: Revised Edition* by Thomas Foster, *Rhyme Schemer* by K.A. Holt, and the third is a book of your choice from the attached book list from "Titles from Open Response Questions." This last book must be at least 150 pages (plays typically are not long enough), be a book you have not read before, and you must let me know what book you choose before you leave for the summer.

Your assignments for these books are as follows:

How to Read Literature Like a Professor: You need to take thorough notes on this book. Think to yourself, "If I could use my notes on a test, how helpful would they be?". Read this book first as it will help you understand the other novels on a deeper level and will allow for more insightful annotations. You will be tested on this book during the second week of school.

Your second assignment will be based on the book you choose. Read and thoroughly annotate the book (see attached guide to annotating). You must then choose five chapters from *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* and apply them to your book. You must explain what Foster means by the title of the chapter (at least one paragraph of explanation) and at least one paragraph about how that chapter relates to your book. This assignment must be typed, double-spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman and is due August 29th, 2018 (our first full day of school). You will have

another assignment regarding this book which will be explained the first week of school.

Rhyme Schemer: Powers Catholic High School is excited to announce "One Book, One School" as part of our summer reading program. "One Book, One School" is an all-school book club that will focus on our theme for the year and will build and expand a sense of community among students, parents, teachers, and staff. Upon returning from summer vacation, students will discuss the book and complete various projects in their English classes. Our first "One Book, One School" choice is *Rhyme Schemer* by K.A. Holt which focuses on an important theme for the year - "Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone, even when they do not love us." - Pope Francis

You must also review the list of Literary Terms to Treasure. You should be familiar with many of the terms as they have been used/discussed in all of your English classes here at Powers. You will be given weekly literature terms and vocabulary quizzes.

In addition to the summer books, there are two other texts you need to purchase for the class - all are listed on the Powers website. You will need the *Norton Introduction to Literature - Shorter Tenth Edition* (ISBN - 978-0-393-93514-1), and *Writing with Style - Conversations on the Art of Writing - Third Edition* (ISBN - 0-205-02880-2) by John Trimble.

If you have any questions throughout the summer, you can e-mail me at sturczyn1819@gmail.com or at sturczyn@powerscatholic.org.

Have a great summer! Happy reading!!
God Bless,
Mrs. Turczyn