



"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 Poetry Like a Professor* by Thomas Foster, *Writing with Style: Conversations on the Art of Writing, Third Edition* by John Trimble (both very short!) and the third is a book of your choice from the AP List. Google "Titles from Open Response Questions," and you will find a list of books and plays that have been asked about on the AP test. The book you choose 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 Poetry Like a Professor and *Writing with Style* You need to read these books and take thorough notes. Your notes must be handwritten. These are notes, not annotations in the book! Think to yourself, "If I could use my notes on a test, how helpful would they be?" You will be given assignments on these books when school starts.

Your second assignment will be based on the book you choose. Read and thoroughly annotate the book. I will be checking your annotations ☺ You will be given an assignment regarding this book when school starts.

In addition to the summer books, there is one other text you need to purchase for the class: *The Norton Introduction to Literature - Shorter Tenth Edition* (ISBN - 978-0-393-93514-1. This is also listed on the Powers website.

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