

SAINT DOMINIC ACADEMY

AP LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION - SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS - 2021

1. Biblical allusion study

Read your assigned section carefully (assignments will be posted on the classroom). Draft a 2-page summary of the stories; include significant names and what they might represent (based on the stories), as well as significant visuals and what they might represent. (An example on creation is included.) **E-mail this to me by August 1.** I will provide feedback, and you must be prepared to present any time during the first week of classes (including the first-class meeting).

2. Reading assignments

How To Read Literature Like a Professor. Read and enjoy this “how-to” book. The bold face statements in the book provide fodder for many of our discussions throughout the year.

Juniors: The Scarlet Letter, Hawthorne. Be sure to **annotate** as we will discuss this novel later in the Fall (while Seniors are at retreat).

When you come across a scene that applies to a bold face statement from How to Read Literature Like a Professor, post your thoughts on the blog on the web site.

Example:

The real reason for a quest is always self-knowledge. (Foster, p.3)

The main character searches through the boroughs of NYC to solve the mystery of the key –will the key symbolize the theme of the story? (Foer, p.X)

Seniors: Free choice novel. Choose one from the list below. **E-mail your choice to me by July 16. Post your blog comments no later than August 15.**

Great Expectations, Dickens

The Age of Innocence, Wharton

Sense and Sensibility, Austen

Catch-22, Heller

Frankenstein, Shelley

The Grapes of Wrath,
Steinbeck

The Prince, Machiavelli

The Scarlet Letter,

Hawthorne (if you have not
already read it!)

3. Blog requirements: I encourage you to begin this discussion-based class by blogging over the summer break. I expect each of you to post a minimum of 12 entries on The Scarlet Letter (juniors) or your free choice (seniors). Overall, of the 12 total entries, at least 6 must be posted in July and the rest are due in August (prior to 8/15).

Important Notes:

- You will be tested over all the reading in early September.
- You must turn in your Bible stories by AUGUST 1ST.
- You must read, sign, and return the AP Expectations sheet and upload it to the classroom by the due date listed on the assignment.
- RECOMMENDATIONS: DO NOT COMPLETE ALL OF YOUR BLOG POSTS ON ONE DAY!!!

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- DO NOT SUMMARIZE THE PLOT!! Rather, tell us what you think about it!!!!
- CONVERSE ON THE BLOG WITH YOUR CLASSMATES! (See the examples on the classroom)

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