

Welcome to Advanced Placement Literature and Composition

Pawling High School
Mr. Ostyn

Summer requirements

The purpose of these readings is to prepare you for an intense experience of the deconstruction and analysis of literature and to cover material that we may not have time to cover within the confines of the school year. In order to save you money on your purchases, you might try looking online (amazon.com) for used books. Keep in mind that most of these readings can be checked out from the public library.

Reading List

1. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor: Reading Between the Lines* by Thomas C. Foster
2. *Frankenstein* by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley
3. *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

For your summer reading assignment, you are to keep a responsive/creative journal. You will want to have multiple entries (**10 minimum**) for each text. Organize entries by chapters or groups of chapters; each entry should be about one page college ruled notebook or 1 page typed double spaced. Be very organized with how you set up your journal.

Journal entries should be:

- A self discovery of your awakening (deep analytical thinking about literature): be sure to describe how the book expanded your knowledge base, explain how it did or did not open your mind, pose questions which were difficult for you to answer, and add anything else you find relevant.
- A discovery of what you have learned thus far about the *point of view, sentence structure, word choice, figurative language, tone, archetypes, allusions*, and treatment of subject matter. Examine what you may have done in regard to technique had you been the author.
- Do not merely summarize what you've read, but rather ***reflect and analyze how the author has created meaning through the use of stylistic techniques*** (literary devices).

GRADING

The journal entries (30 minimum) will be your first major grade of the first quarter. This assignment is not a recommendation, ***it is required and due on the first day of school!***

You will not be afforded extra time to complete this assignment after the first day of school and a zero will be recorded.