Westhill High School Summer Reading

AP English Literature and Composition

For this year's summer reading assignment, you will read selections from How to Read Literature Like a Professor and complete detailed notes about each assigned chapter using this <u>template</u>. Please see the description below for assigned chapters and <u>click here</u> to access the PDF version of the book.

Your completed notes must be **submitted to turnitin.com** by **Friday, September 6, 2024**. Any student submitting any amount of plagiarized and/or AI generated content will receive a zero for this assignment. **Your teacher will review turnitin.com at the start of the next school year**.



Also, keep in mind that this is the *first* assignment your teacher will receive from you next year, so make sure that your work is reflective of your potential as an AP student.



About this Book

"While many books can be enjoyed for their basic stories, there are often deeper literary meanings interwoven in these texts. How to Read Literature Like a Professor helps us to discover those hidden truths by looking at literature with the eyes—and the literary codes—of the ultimate professional reader, the college professor.

What does it mean when a literary hero is traveling along a dusty road? When he hands a drink to his companion? When he's drenched in a sudden rain shower?

Ranging from major themes to literary models, narrative devices and form, Thomas C. Foster provides us with a broad overview of literature—a world where a road leads to a quest, a shared meal may signify a communion, and rain, whether cleansing or destructive, is never just a shower-and shows us how to make our reading experience more enriching, satisfying, and fun."

Assigned Chapters

For each of the chapters listed below, you must fill out the <u>assigned notes template</u>, through which you will outline important details and make connections between the information in the chapter and your own reading or observations. While there are only six chapters *required*, please feel free to read more as *all* chapters provide insight and examples to help you prepare for the AP Literature and Composition course.

- Introduction: "How'd He Do That?"
- <u>Chapter 1</u>: "Every Trip Is a Quest (Except When It's Not)"
- <u>Chapter 4</u>: "Now, Where Have I Seen Her Before?"
- <u>Chapter 12</u>: "Is That a Symbol?"
- <u>Chapter 20</u>: "...So Does Season"
- <u>Chapter 21</u>: "Marked for Greatness"

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Questions?

If you have any questions about the expectations for this assignment, please contact Ms. Wheeler at <u>cwheeler@stamfordpublicschools.org</u>.

