

Summer Reading Assignment: AP English Literature and Composition

Goal: Through the Summer Reading Assignment, AP students will actively be involved in reading and writing to prepare for the rigor of the AP class. If a student does not complete the summer reading assignment, s/he will not be permitted to continue into AP English in the fall.

Reading and Writing Requirements:

1. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas Foster. This text is an excellent introduction to the type of critical reading that is essential to the AP Literature course. Take notes and **annotate** this book; **you will be given a test over it in the first few weeks of school.** Bring this book to class the first day of school.
2. *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak. This is perhaps one of the most beautifully written books of the past decade. For this novel, you will be using **Showbie (see info. below on joining the class)** to respond to the prompts. Responses should be at least 200 words. All responses should include **at least one quotation** from the book that provides a specific example of/support to your argument. **Cite page numbers for all quotations.** All posts are due by midnight on July 16, 2018.

Showbie: Showbie is a private platform for educators and students that allows for paperless collaboration. It can be accessed through their free app or through their website (www.showbie.com). We will be using Showbie throughout the year for communication and collaboration.

1. Open Showbie, login into your student account and click on the +:



2. Enter the class code, **BPEP3**, then tap *Join*:
3. Once you've joined the class, you will be able to see your summer reading assignments.
4. Please submit your posts as a comment or upload as a GoogleDoc.

Grading rubric for all posts:

Critical Thinking (10 points)	Responses demonstrate thoughtful, careful engagement with the prompt or post, discussing important ideas, characters, etc., and fully answering all parts of the question(s).
Examples (6 points)	Responses use specific examples/quotations from the book along with cited page numbers.
Writing Standards (4 points)	The writing is clear, concise, and easy to understand. Rules of grammar and mechanics are followed. Minimum length requirement is met.
Timeliness	Posts are submitted before midnight the due date. (-10% for each day late)

Total points: 100 points

3. Book of choice: You may choose to read either *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley or *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin. Both of these classic novels have shown up on the AP exam in past years. **You must annotate this book as well** and bring it to class on the first day of school. Be prepared to use this novel for your first in-class essay, modeled after an AP free response prompt. Therefore, your annotations must be thorough and thoughtful.

**Reading recommendations: It is worth starting *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* first, as it is a book that can be read along with your other two and will also give you ideas for annotations.

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