

Advanced Placement English: Literature and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

Due Date: Monday, August 10, 2021

The purpose of summer reading assignment is complex:

- To help build confidence and competence as readers of complex texts;
- To give you, when you enter the class in the fall, an immediate basis for discussion of literature- elements like theme, narrative, viewpoint, symbolism, plot structure, etc.;
- To set up a basis for comparison with other works we will read during the year;
- To provide you with the beginnings of a repertoire of works you can write about on the AP Lit exam next spring.

Summer Reading

- Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- Assigned chapters from *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*ⁱ by Thomas Foster.

Assignment

- Before you read *Frankenstein*: Read Chapter 21 from Foster's book paying attention to what he says about *Frankenstein*.
- After you read *Frankenstein*: **Apply the following chapters from Foster's book to *Frankenstein*.**
 - ◆ Chapter 1— "Every Trip Is a Quest"
 - ◆ Chapter 7— "...or The Bible"
 - ◆ Chapter 9 — "It's Greek to Me" (think Prometheus)
 - ◆ Chapter 10— "It's More Than Just Rain or Snow"
 - ◆ Chapter 11— "...More Than It's Gonna Hurt You: Concerning Violence"
 - ◆ Chapter 12— "Is That a Symbol?"
 - ◆ Chapter 19— "Geography Matters..."
 - ◆ Chapter 20— "...So Does Season"
 - ◆ Chapter 25— "Don't Read with Your Eyes"
- Respond to each chapter by writing a well-developed paragraph that explains the main points Foster is making and show how they apply to Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* (150 word minimum).

ⁱFree online version of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*

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