

# AP Literature and Composition Summer Reading Assignment & Course Introduction Convent of the Visitation School 2022-2023

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## AP British Literature and Composition [Course Policies](#)

AP students will read three works in the summer:

- *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare (be sure to watch this play!) [The Royal Shakespeare Company](#) and [My Shakespeare](#) both have wonderful resources available to you.
- *Beowulf* translated by Michael Alexander or [Seamus Heaney](#)
- One book for the [term paper](#) (see this [list](#))

On the first day of classes, students must be prepared with the following:

1. [An analytical essay discussing conflict](#) on the first book read for the term paper
2. [Literature guides](#) for the other two works read. (These first lit. guides will form the basis for your literature portfolio, a very useful aid as you prepare for the AP exam!) Here's a [sample](#). And here's [another](#).

In addition to reading, AP English students must review and master punctuation skills over the summer. Students have received information on the [Eleven Rules of Comma Use](#), and they should consult the OWL at Purdue for information on semicolons and colons. Students are expected to **master** these punctuation tools over the summer and will take a quiz on them during the first week of class.