

AP Literature & Composition Summer Reading Assignment

Cardinal Spellman High School

Academic Year 2022-2023

1. Read three books:

- a. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster (easy read)
- b. *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
OR *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy
(tough content but easy read)
- c. *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen (easy content but difficult read)

2. In an essay that is 350-650 words, apply at least one of the concepts in *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* to *The Handmaid's Tale* or *The Road*.

- a. The point is to do as deep of a dive as possible, so don't be afraid to "read into things." Use evidence from the text to support your thesis.
- b. Do not look up answers on the internet. I want to know what you think!
- c. Do not write in the first person. Third-person for academic writing only.
- d. MLA Format. If you don't know it, [look it up!](#)
 - i. Include a Works Cited page!
- e. Due August 14th by 11:59pm (email it to mgalvin@spellman.com if you encounter any issues with Google Classroom).

3. For *Pride and Prejudice*, please make a minimum 3-minute video essay detailing why the book is a comedy. What makes it so? The more examples, the better.

- a. You can make the video on any app of your choice.
- b. Make sure to include information about the author's intent, the comedy of the time, and why *Pride and Prejudice* is and is not a comedy in the 21st century.
- c. Due on the first full day of school (not the orientation days).
- d. If you don't know what a good video essay is or should look like, [watch this video.](#)

