

**AP Literature and Composition**  
**2023 Summer Reading Information**  
**Mr. Mormile**

**Assignment 1: Reading Journal/Reflective Essay**

1. Choose your book and have it approved by me by the end of the school year. This is one of the first steps in becoming an AP student, and if you do not receive approval by me before the close of school on June 19th, you have not satisfied the first of many requirements and will not move forward in the class.
2. On the first day of school, you are to submit to me **BOTH** your journal and your essay as you walk in the door or you will not move forward in the class.

**Assignment Two: Flashcards/Terms for Literary Allusions and Literary Terms**

1. Make a flashcard for **EACH** term/allusion listed on the chart. Make sure you use **RELIABLE** information as you will be using these throughout the year.
2. Study these terms over the summer.
3. Show me these cards on the first day of school for credit.
4. Be prepared for a quiz on these terms on the first day of school!
5. Make sure the cards are legible, as I am grading them and you will be keeping them for future reference.

**Assignment Three: Reading two epics/Analytical Essay**

1. Purchase the three summer reading books (one book of your choice from assignment one, and then *The Odyssey* and *The Things They Carried* for this assignment.) You **WILL** be taking notes in these books, etc. so I want you to buy them. They should only cost about \$15 total if you get them used on-line. You don't **NEED** a new text. Buy a used one? If you can't purchase your own, we have them available in the library or some may be available in e-text.
2. Read the three texts and take notes as you go both **IN** the text and in a reading journal.
3. If need be, research the cultural backgrounds associated with the two heroes, in order to be cognizant of elements that exemplify their societies while reading.
4. Formulate your notes/thesis into a solid analytical essay wherein you describe **BOTH** heroes' societies and how they are products of that society.
5. Use both texts in your essay; if you do not cite both works, you are not completing the assignment. Your words will mean very little without the text to back you up (as you shall discover more and more, every day in AP Lit.)

6. Use MLA-9 format; if you do not, you will most likely fail. An AP student at this level should be aware of how to set up his/her paper and how to cite sources correctly.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY:**

\*\*All of these assignments are due **THE MOMENT** you enter the class on the first day of school (with hero essay due on Monday, 7/31)!! \*\*If I do not receive your hero essay on 7/31, we will have a strong discussion about your status in the class, but most likely you will be removed.

\*\*This material is essential for first quarter and beyond; you must do these assignments and do them on time-don't risk it and be sure to print them at home!\*\*

\*\*You must clear your re-read book with me before you depart for the summer on 6/19. You must also get the two summer reading texts for your analytical essay on your own promptly.

\*\*This course is very demanding by nature with a tremendous amount of reading, re-reading, writing, and re-writing, but the benefits of your hard work will be ten-fold. Please keep this in mind!

\*\*You will not be required to purchase an AP textbook, but you will have to check one out during the first week of school, much like any other textbook. (To be determined.)

\*\*As AP students, I expect you to handle these assignments on your own over the summer. I will **NOT** accept drafts of work or even outlines; students of AP caliber should be able to "run" with these items.