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AP Literature and Composition
Summer Reading Assignment & Course Introduction
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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.
- *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* translated by J.R.R. Tolkien
- One book for the term paper (Use this list to determine which books you will read and synthesize)

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! Do not surpass 4 pages for each lit. guide.) Here's a template you could use (feel free to make a copy or create your own lit. guide based on the recommendations of this one).

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.