12 AP English Literature and Composition Summer Assignments

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You must complete all assignments in their entirety before the start of school.

First assignment- Read: *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, by Thomas C. Foster. Please use the 2024 edition only. We will be referring to this over the course of the school year.

Second assignment- Read one of the following Shakespearian comedies; *Midsummer Night's Dream, Much Ado About Nothing, Merchant of Venice,* or *The Tempest*. Complete a character journal for all scenes in the play. You MAY change characters throughout the play. Link to instructions https://www.readwritethink.org/sites/default/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson1033/journal-req.pdf

Final assignment- In many works of literature, characters may be significantly affected by memories of the past. A character may be inspired by the past, haunted by the past, unable to let go of the past, or motivated by the past to craft a better future. Read a selection from the list below and analyze how a character is significantly affected by a memory. Then, in a well-written essay, analyze how the impact of the memory on the character contributes to an interpretation of the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot. Your essay should be a minimum of 700 words. In your response you should do the following:

Respond to the prompt with a thesis that presents a defensible interpretation.

Provide evidence to support your line of reasoning.

Explain how the evidence supports your line of reasoning.

Use appropriate grammar and punctuation in communicating your argument.

Afterlife

Annie John
Behold the Dreamers
Beloved
The Bell Jar
Big Fish
The Buried Giant
Ceremony
Crime and Punishment
Dominicana
The English Patient
The Farming of Bones
Fences
A Gesture Life
The Glass Menagerie
Invisible Man
Jane Eyre
Kindred
Love Medicine
The Mayor of Casterbridge
Mrs. Dalloway
The Nickel Boys
Obasan
On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous
Purple Hibiscus
The Secret History
The Sound and the Fury
A Tale of Two Cities
Washington Black
The Woman Warrior
Wuthering Heights
The Yellow Birds