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AP Literature and Composition Summer Reading List 2023-2024

All AP Literature and Composition students at Trinity Christian Academy are expected to complete the summer reading assignments. Reading over the summer will help each student improve vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills which will enhance all studies so that students will experience academic success.

Please Note: There are six tasks to be completed. You must complete all assignments by the due date listed in the assignment description.

I. Required Book #1 - Please read the first required book below and complete the assignment that follows:

How to Read Literature Like a Professor - by Thomas C. Foster (**only the Introduction, Chapters 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 12**)

Directions: This book is meant to help you understand literature and literary basic devices such as symbols, themes, and contexts. This deeper understanding will help you prepare for the rigor and challenges of AP Literature and Composition as we read and write about literature.

Additionally, you will need to complete the following tasks based on the indicated chapters in this book. Please answer each question in paragraph form. **The questions below are due on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.**

1. From the chapter, "Introduction, How'd He Do That?" write about how memory, symbol, and pattern affect the reading of literature? How does the recognition of patterns make it easier to read complicated literature? Discuss a time when your appreciation of a literary work was enhanced by understanding symbol or pattern.
2. From Chapter 8, "Hansel and Gretel" think of a work of literature that reflects a fairy tale. Discuss the parallels. Does it create irony or deepen appreciation?
3. From Chapter 10, "It's More Than Just Rain or Snow" discusses the importance of weather in a specific literary work, not in terms of plot, though.

II. Required Book #2 - Read the 2nd required book & complete the assignment that follows:

Frankenstein - by Mary Shelley

Directions: Please answer the following questions with a minimum of 3 sentences based on the second required book, *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley. **The questions below are due on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.**

1. After reading the book, what is the significance of the title? How do you know this is true?
2. A theme is the central idea or message of a work. What is the major theme of the novel? How can you tell? Be sure to give specific examples.
3. Describe the main setting for this novel, and include at least two quotes for support that show setting. How does the setting in this novel affect the action/story?

III. Chosen Book - Please choose one book from the following list below and complete the assignment that follows. **This assignment will be due on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.**

1. *The Picture of Dorian Gray* - by Oscar Wilde
2. *Death of a Salesman* - by Arthur Miller
3. *King Lear* - by William Shakespeare

Directions: Find 10 significant quotes (3 from beginning of the novel, 3 from the middle, and 4 from the end of the novel) from your chosen book. For each quote indicate the following: **This assignment will be due on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.**

1. Who was speaking
2. Who was being spoken to
3. What is the effect of the quote on the reader

PARENTS AND STUDENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

- As a Christian, a person may wonder, "Should Christians study the classics of literature?" Christians should be aware that man's writings reflect his inner thoughts. This can be seen throughout a study of literature and the authors' lives. If we look at secular literature (classics) through discerning eyes, our own faith and testimony can be strengthened. The selections chosen for the reading list are either classic in nature or carry strong literary merit. Trinity Christian Academy cannot be responsible for all content in every selection.
- Please be advised: copied, summarized, or paraphrased information from an internet source or any other source that is not properly documented is unacceptable. **THIS IS PLAGIARISM!** The writing portion of the Summer Reading Assignment is meant to be the students' own thoughts and ideas and should not be researched from any outside source. If the student uses a quote from the book, please be sure to include the quotation marks as well as the page number from the book in which the quote was found.

