



Largo High School
Pre-IB 9th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

2025-2026

Welcome incoming IB freshmen! Please read and analyze this book over the summer and complete the accompanying assignment. Book information is taken from Amazon.com and is provided for your shopping convenience, but **it is acceptable to purchase a different edition of the text.** As an integral part of practicing English studies “the IB way,” you will be highlighting and annotating each page of this text, so you will need a paperback edition. **Trust your interpretation of these instructions and trust your teachers to accept your work with an open mind as well.**

Save questions for emergencies: taylorjam@pcsb.org and cruml@pcsb.org.

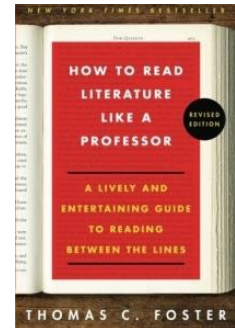
How to Read Literature like a Professor by **Thomas C. Foster**

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→**This is an older edition. Any edition of paperback will do.**←



Required Work While Reading

Color-Marking and Annotation

In your book, interact with the text by color-marking/highlighting words and phrases that relate to the categories listed below. **Color-mark/highlight utilizing each of the 3 categories during reading, with at least 1 category/color per page to show real analysis and comprehension. Choose any three highlighter colors to categorize your work. Create a key on the inside front cover indicating the color for each category.**

Category 1 key terms, headings, topics, definitions, theories (new concepts/ideas)

Category 2 specific examples, applications (literature, culture, history)

Category 3 narrator's voice (the author's opinions, insights, personal experiences)

As you read, also make connections with the text by writing notes in margins (known as annotations). **Write at least 1 annotation per page in the margins. Each of your annotation notes should be at least 5 or more words in length**

Reading Quiz Day One of Your English Class

If you read Foster's book and complete the work as instructed above, you will become conversant with the text and will be well-prepared for a twenty-question reading quiz covering Chapters 1-27 (not including the Test Case) to be taken on the first day of class. We will have additional assignments relating to this book during the first few weeks of the school year. All of these assignments will be graded and part of your first quarter English grade.