

English IV Honors

Hello!

Welcome to English IV Honors. It is truly a joy to teach this course, and I hope you enjoy taking it. Below, you will find the information for the summer assignment. This assignment will be due the first Monday back to school, August 13th.

If you have any questions about the assignment over the summer, please contact Mr. Montgomery at montgomeryk@pcsb.org

Enjoy!

AP Literature Summer Assignment

Materials needed:

- A Copy of *How to Read Literature like a Professor* by Thomas Foster.
- PowerPoint or some similar presentation software
- A book of your choice from the list below.

This assignment will consist of two parts:

1. **A Literary Analysis Essay:** Choose one of the books from the list below. Before you begin reading your chosen book, you should skim (yes, skim) through *How to Read Literature like a Professor*. We will do an in depth look at the book during the school year, but a light skim of it might assist you in your analysis. Then, do a CLOSE READ of your chosen book. Annotate the book as you read – you may do this by writing in the margins of your book, or by writing notes in a notebook. Next, write an essay in which you identify the theme of the novel and 3-4 literary devices that help shape that theme. Your essay should be 700-900 words, typed, in Times New Roman Font, size 12, using MLA citations.
2. **A Literary Analysis Presentation:** In the first week of school, you will be paired with other students who read the same book as you to present your findings from your literary analysis to the class. It would benefit all of you if you came in with some slides already completed.

Book Options for Summer Reading:

1. *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro
2. *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
3. *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
4. *No Country for Old Men* by Cormac McCarthy
5. *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros