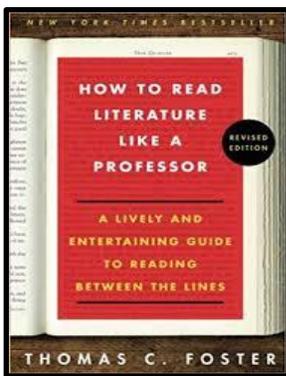


AP Literature & Composition Summer Reading Assignment 2020

I'm very excited to be working with each of you this fall. Keep in mind that the work actually begins this summer and takes the form of reading the following two books as well as fulfilling a written assignment due the first day of class.



How to Read Literature Like a Professor: A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines

Thomas C. Foster

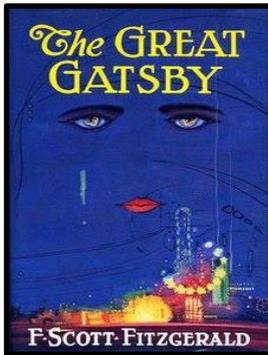
What does it mean when a fictional hero takes a journey? Shares a meal? Gets drenched in a sudden rain shower? Often, there is much more going on in a novel or poem than is readily visible on the surface—a symbol, maybe, that remains elusive, or an unexpected twist on a character—and there's that sneaking suspicion that the deeper meaning of a literary text keeps escaping you.

In this practical and amusing guide to literature, Thomas C. Foster shows how easy and gratifying it is to unlock those hidden truths, and to discover a world where a road leads to a quest; a shared meal may signify a communion; and rain, whether cleansing or destructive, is never just rain. Ranging from major themes to literary models, narrative devices, and form, *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* is the perfect companion for making your reading experience more enriching, satisfying, and fun.

This is a must read companion for AP Literature & Composition! I strongly suggest starting this early in the summer and NOT trying to read it in one weekend. The purpose of this is to make you a more critical reader and arm you with the relevant concepts necessary for preparing for the AP exam in May. Purchasing rather than borrowing a copy of this text is a must in order to annotate as needed. I have attached questions to help guide you through this text.

- Since the school year ended so abruptly due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, you were unable to get to the spring novel and missed out on *The Great Gatsby*. Thus, this will be this summer's novel.

- We will use this novel to kick off AP discussions in the fall.
- Before reading, try to get a good portion of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* under your belt as it will become a guide to reading *Gatsby* effectively.



The Great Gatsby

F. Scott Fitzgerald

The 1925 novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald follows a group of young adults during the summer of 1922, living on Long Island, NY. The story is primarily about the young and mysterious millionaire Jay Gatsby and his obsession with the beautiful socialite Daisy Buchanan. Considered to be Fitzgerald's greatest work, *The Great*

Gatsby is a portrait of the Roaring Twenties that has been described as a cautionary tale about the American Dream.

Writing Assignment turned in by first day we meet of academic class:

After exploring *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, you should be a more astute reader. Now is your opportunity to show what you have learned by incorporating the major concepts discussed in the book into a well-developed essay about the novel you read (*Gatsby*). Applying **ONE key concept** from Foster's literature guide, write a formal analysis on a major aspect of the summer reading book.

For instance, Chapter 12 of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* is entitled, "Is That a Symbol?" You may choose to write about one or two major symbols found in *The Great Gatsby* and explore that concept by applying Foster's chapter as a guide.

The paper should be:

- 2-3 pages, typed, proper MLA formatting
- Well-developed introduction leading into a tight thesis
- Supporting details from both texts to support the thesis
 - Be sure to fully explain how these relate to the topic
 - Include properly formatted textual citations from both pieces
 - Make it seamless from your ideas to the text
- Written in a logical order
 - Free of spelling, punctuation and mechanical errors
 - 3rd person only

- Don't forget clinchers so paragraphs flow seamlessly
- Submit to Turnitin.com no later than Friday, September 13th at 8AM
 - Turnitin.com Class Enrollment
 - Class ID: 24939146
 - Enrollment Key: Dailey
 - Turnitin.com enrollment information is also listed in Google Classroom

For proper formatting, be sure to use:



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