

AP Literature and Composition—Summer Assignments

Welcome!!!! I am so very glad that you have chosen to take this course. I hope that you will grow to love literature more and more through the readings we will do this year.

Reading literature and delving deeper into it is a skill that can be learned. You will be taught the tools and strategies to do just that throughout this course, but there is so much to learn that I have to help you prepare for the fall by asking you to do some work during the summer.

My home email is <mailto:harndencorinne@gmail.com>. My school email is charden@bc.k12.mi.us. I check both of these emails at least once a week during the summer. Please do not hesitate to email me with any questions you have as you work over the summer. I know you will be calling one another, so why not have at least one of you give me a call, too, to double check. I have Verizon and have unlimited text from Verizon to Verizon, so you can text me, too. 810.357.4106. (Just state who it is texting in the message so I have an idea and won't ignore the message.)

Here are your summer assignments:

___1. Read Foster's book *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*. While reading this book, you have some questions to respond to (see handout) for the chapters. There are 5 ones starred because they are REQUIRED, then pick an additional 5 from the other chapter assignments.

___2. Read *Hamlet*.

___3. Learn the Literary Terms given on the handout "Techniques Useful in Reading Interpretation". You need to not only know the definition of these terms, but also to be able to recognize them being used in literature. There will be a quiz over these during the first week of class also. I have these terms on a Quizlet page. Go to Quizlet.com and search for "charnden". You'll see the AP summer terms list given there.

Again, please don't hesitate to call me. Also, work on these a few chapters at a time over the summer. You will be glad you did, rather than waiting until the week before school.

Procrastination always hurts you in the end, and it will hurt your grade early on if you are not prepared once school starts in September.

Enjoy the time off to read and relax! *Mrs. Harnden*