

Hudson Catholic Regional High School
Summer Reading Assignment

AP English Literature & Composition

Dear AP English Students,

You will find your summer reading assignment below. Please follow these instructions very carefully. This summer, you will be reading three books, one nonfiction and two fiction. You should begin by reading the nonfiction book, then the two novels after that

Non-fiction: *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster.

- This informative guide will serve as an introduction to the type of literary analysis we will be conducting in AP English this year. **For this book, you will NOT be pulling quotes in the same way you will for the novels.** What you will do for this book is read it in its entirety and pull out 15 quotes, each one illustrating something about literary analysis that a) you find interesting, b) you did not know before, or c) reminds you of something you have discussed/written about in a previous English class. For each quote, write a few detailed sentences explaining your reason for selecting it.

Fiction: *Native Son* by Richard Wright

- You are going to really like this one! Set in 1920s Chicago, this novel tells the story of Bigger Thomas, a young black man caught in a downward spiral after he kills a young white woman in a brief moment of panic.
- For this novel, you will pull quotes using the regular Summer Reading Log.

Fiction: *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf

- This one may be a bit of a tougher read, but it is worth the effort. This novel is written in Woolf's signature stream-of-consciousness style. While it tells the story of one day in the life of a seemingly ordinary English woman, it reveals much about the human condition and the extraordinary lives we all lead.
- For this novel, you will pull quotes using the regular Summer Reading Log.

Finally, you should join the Google Classroom section as soon as possible! The class code is **7k58r1**. I will be posting important updates and videos there throughout the summer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Happy Reading!

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