

CHS 9 Summer Reading 2022 English I HONORS- REQUIRED

"In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become life-long learners. Additionally, students who enroll in an Honors or AP English course are expected to engage in summer reading as it prepares students for the upcoming school year and creates an initial common framework for classroom discussion and instruction."

****Students taking a level class are doing a different assignment. Please see the Level English summer reading assignment.**

****This summer you will read 2 books.**

****Required assignment on next page.**

First book: You will need your OWN copy throughout the ENTIRE school year.

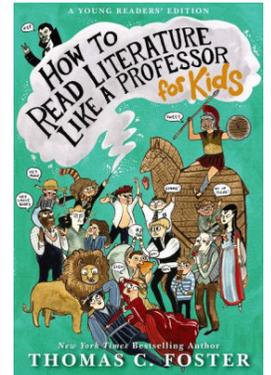
How to Read Literature like a Professor: For Kids by Thomas C. Foster

→ The essential question that this book answers is: "How do we read literature?"

As an honors English student you have to know how to read, interpret, and respond to literature as part of the course requirements. You will have books to read throughout the year. This book helps build your understanding of how to answer questions like:

- What's so special about literature?
- What decisions do authors make when writing?
- How do I make connections in literature?
- How do I interpret literature?

****Copies will be available during the school year as needed.**



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Second book:

Students choose 1 school appropriate and age appropriate novel of literary merit having at least 150 pages that has not been previously read.

You can read it by purchasing, checking it out from the library, listening to an audio book, or finding a PDF copy online.

As an honors English student, you will need to be able to interpret and discuss books that have a relevance to today's society. You will also need to be familiar with books considered to be classic literature.

***We ask that you do NOT choose either of the following novels, as they will be part of our curriculum during the year: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury; *Animal Farm* by George Orwell.**



****If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to CHS 9 - (936)709-4000. Or you can email the team lead of the English I team - Jen Shook at: jshook@conroeisd.net.**

So...what is the assignment?

After reading BOTH books, you will **respond to your choice novel** using the information / processes that Foster uses in **chapters 11 & 12** in *How to Read Literature Like a Professor (HRLLP)*.

You will explain symbols & discuss how this book relates to the social issues of today and/or the times in which it was written.

1. Identify and discuss **1 symbol** from *your choice novel*. Using **chapter 11 of HRLLP**, write a **half page response over that symbol**.
 - a. What does the symbol mean? What does it stand for?
 - b. Why do you think it means that? (give text evidence from the book, including pg #s)

2. On pages **67-68 of HRLLP**, Foster writes:

“What I mean by ‘political’ is writing that thinks about human problems, about how human beings in groups get along, about the rights individuals possess (or should), and about the wrongs committed by those in power.”

With this in mind, you will discuss in a **half page response** about **how** your choice novel connects to issues in the modern world. Use these questions to help guide your thinking when writing your response:

- a. What parts of the book relate to our society today? How?
- b. What do you think the author wanted to communicate about society at the time the book was written?
- c. Is this book calling for society today to change? If so, how? If not, explain the central issue your book confronts.
- d. Use text evidence to support your answer, including page #s.

****The entire assignment can be written on one piece of notebook paper or typed on a computer (double-spaced) and submitted electronically to your teacher.**

Is this a required assignment? What part of my grade will this be?

Yes! It will be a MAJOR GRADE due during the first 3 weeks of the school year.

***Teachers will present a mini-lesson reviewing the parameters of the assignments during the first week of school, with a due date of no later than the third week of school. This will help students to be sure they have done the assignment correctly.*

**Scan here to see an example of the completed assignment.



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