



Bloomington High School
Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition
Summer Assignment 2017



Welcome! Get ready for a great adventure! Your senior year is an important one. It's time to make the most of your final year of high school while preparing for the next steps – college, career, and life in general. It's time to kick things into high gear. We're glad that you've chosen to challenge yourself with the advanced study of literature and writing and we're looking forward to an amazing year with you.

The following works will give you a little taste of the genres and types of works that comprise our courses and the AP English Literature and Composition exam.

Background skills		<p>Read through this website which provides six important reading habits to develop. (It's intended for those starting their freshman year at Harvard!) http://guides.library.harvard.edu/sixreadinghabits</p> <p>Practice applying these skills to a reading of "The World is Too Much With Us" by William Wordsworth. Print or copy the poem and annotate it. Then, complete the graphic organizer found on the next page.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The World is Too Much With Us</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The world is too much with us; late and soon, Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers; -- Little we see in Nature that is ours; We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon! This Sea that bares her bosom to the moon; The winds that will be howling at all hours, And are up-gathered now like sleeping flowers; For this, for everything, we are out of tune; It moves us not. Great God! I'd rather be A Pagan suckled in a creed outworn; So might I, standing on this pleasant lea, Have glimpses that would make me less forlorn; Have sight of Proteus rising from the sea; Or hear old Triton blow his wreathèd horn.</p>
Novel	<p><u>The Stranger</u> by Albert Camus</p> 	<p><i>The Stranger</i> is available in print and as an ebook from the BHS Library. It's also available in print, audio, and electronic form at local libraries and bookstores as well as online.</p> <p>* You can access or download the full text at this link: http://www.macobo.com/essays/epdf/CAMUS,%20Albert%20-%20The%20Stranger.pdf</p> <p>Annotate the text or take notes as you read so that you will be ready for in-depth discussions over the summer and in class.</p> <p>Answer the following question in a response of at least one typed page: "Who or what is the stranger in this text?"</p>

Drama	<u>The Importance of Being Earnest</u> by Oscar Wilde 	<p><i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i> is available in print and as an ebook from the BHS Library. It's also available in print, audio, and electronic form at local libraries and bookstores as well as online.</p> <p>* You can access or download the full text at this link: http://www.pcschools535.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/4e81dcfbbed275/Importance%20of%20Being%20Earnest%20Text.pdf</p> <p>Annotate the text or take notes as you read so that you will be ready for in-depth discussions over the summer and in class.</p> <p>Answer the following question in a response of at least one typed page: "What does it mean to be earnest?"</p>
Poetry	<u>How to Read a Poem</u> by Edward Hirsch	<p>https://www.poetryfoundation.org/resources/learning/articles/detail/69955</p> <p>Read through the sixteen points in this first chapter from Hirsch's text. Take notes.</p>

A note:

We encourage you to use resources such as Sparknotes, Shmoop.com, the movies based on the books, and other internet, print, and audio resources. However, these should be **supplemental** resources to enhance your reading of the book. Nothing can substitute for the reading process and the experience of reading the novel in its original form.

Questions? Please feel free to contact one or both of us.

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We look forward to an exciting and productive year of learning with you!



"I may not have been sure about what really did interest me, but I was absolutely sure about what didn't."

– Albert Camus, *The Stranger*

"The truth is rarely pure and never simple."
– Oscar Wilde, *The Importance of Being Earnest*

Graphic Organizer for “The World is Too Much With Us”

Based on the Harvard article (<http://guides.library.harvard.edu/sixreadinghabits>)

Do the following steps on another sheet of paper. Bring it to class on the first day of school.

Habit 1: Previewing	Preview “The World is Too Much With Us.” Make some notes about what your previewing reveals.
Habit 2: Annotating	Annotate the poem.
Habit 3: Outline, Summarize, analyze	What does outlining, summarizing, and analyzing reveal about this poem?
Habit 4: Look for repetitions and patterns	What repetitions and patterns do you see in “The World is Too Much With Us”?
Habit 5: Contextualize	What does this step reveal about the poem for you?
Habit 6: Compare and Contrast	When you compare “The World is Too Much with Us” with <i>The Stranger</i> , <i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i> , and other poems and works you have read, what do you observe?