

AP Lit Summer Reading 2020

I have chosen two summer reading books that will be both entertaining and useful to your future studies. Please plan to purchase your own copy of each of these books so that you can take copious margin notes while reading. You should be marking passages that demonstrate themes, literary devices, important quotes, etc. When you read the novel, apply and note ideas that appear in *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*.

Works:

Read this book first:

How to Read Literature Like a Professor: A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines by Thomas C. Foster **PLEASE BE SURE TO GET THE REVISED EDITION**. The older edition is quite different from the new one that we will use. See corresponding assignment under “Assessments.”

Next read the following books in any order:

- *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay

Assessments:

How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Revised Edition.

- Write or type thirty (total) specific ideas that you find interesting in the book. These should be a sentence or two in length. You do not need to include quotes.
- You will use these for an open-note assessment during the first week of school.

The Power of One: Expect an objective assessment and an AP-style writing prompt on this work during the first week of school. Purchase a copy of this book so that you can make notes in it based on *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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