

## AP Literature and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

For this year's summer reading assignment, you will be tasked to read **TWO (2)** full texts to prepare for AP Literature this coming year. After reading each of the books, you will complete assignments 1-3 listed here.

### **BOOKS**

1. [How to Read Literature like a Professor: For Kids by Thomas C. Foster](#) OR [How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster\\*](#)
2. [The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan](#)

\*The original version is longer with examples from adult fiction. The kids version covers the same strategies, but it is much shorter and uses examples from YA and children's literature. I am totally fine with you using whichever works better for you.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1) Define and memorize the following AP Lit terms:

Lyric Poetry	Double Entendre	Litotes
Sonnet	Anastrophe	Understatement
Epigram	Simile	Contrast Imagery
Epic	Metaphor	Sensory Imagery
Meter	Personification	Pun
Couplet	Synecdoche	Allusion
Quatrain	Metonymy	Exposition
Epigraph	Hyperbole	Rising Action
Allegory	Polysyndeton	Falling Action
Diction	Paradox	Denouement
Connotation	Oxymoron	Characterization
Syntax	Foreshadow	Foil character
Tone	Onomatopoeia	Dynamic Character
Mood	Parallelism	Static Character
Prose	Apostrophe	Flat character
Figurative Language	Juxtaposition	Round Character

2) In a table like the sample below, identify **10** different applications of any of the literary terms in the first two columns above used in *The Joy Luck Club*. Provide a brief explanation of the author's use of the literary device and how it enhanced your understanding of the writing.

Literary Device	Evidence of Use (Direct Quote from the text)	Explanation

3) In a table similar to the sample below, identify **5** methods outlined by Thomas C. Foster in his text *How to Read Literature like a Professor* demonstrated in *The Joy Luck Club*. Be sure to include text evidence. Explain how the chosen method adds to your understanding and analysis of the text.

Method	Evidence of Use (Direct Quote from the text)	Explanation

Please have these assignments completed and ready to use on the first day of class. You will use these tables for assessments that will test your knowledge of the assigned texts and terms.

**You will be asked to:**

- Closely read passages from *The Joy Luck Club* and answer short and long answer questions - Identify and define literary devices in a short story
- Conduct a timed write regarding your summer reading work

The in-class assignments will count for roughly 10% of your first marking period grade.