



Attention: AP Literature and Composition Students:

For those students who have enrolled in the AP Literature and Composition class for the next school year please read and act upon the following information. This information and summer reading assignment will prepare you for the beginning of the course this coming fall.

Due to the in-depth annotation of the material, each student will be expected to purchase his or her own text book for this class. If buying a used text, avoid those that have already been written in or marked profusely as these will detract from a student's own thinking and insight. It can be found through Amazon or other online sites. The price ranges from \$60.00 to \$100.00. Be sure to select the tenth edition of this text.

The Compact Bedford Introduction to Literature: Reading, Thinking, Writing

**Tenth Edition
Michael Meyer**

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Language: English

This Advanced Placement Literature and Composition course follows the AP English Course description and is designed to prepare students for the AP Literature and Composition Exam as well as for college after high school graduation. This rigorous class is intended to teach students how to read, think and write critically in connection with a variety of texts which include works from an assortment of time periods and genres, and the writing assignments include in-class essays as well as formal process essays with several opportunities for revision. This is considered a college-level course, which means students will be asked to read and analyze challenging, provocative, dense, and sometimes controversial material.

As preparation, each student must read *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte plus another novel from the AP Reading list which you can find on the Northwest Christian Schools website.

Be prepared to present and discuss your free choice book on the first day of class. You will hand in a book report which contains the following elements: Title – Author – Publication Date of the novel. No more than one paragraph of general content, one paragraph of historical context, one paragraph discussing the theme of the novel with at least two separate examples from the text that exemplify the theme, and one paragraph discussing your reaction to and with the novel. This will be presented in the formal MLA format with internal citation for page numbers where needed.

Over the course of the year in addition to many smaller texts, we will be reading the following texts so **they are ineligible** for your free choice book even though they appear on the AP Reading List: *Hamlet*, *Candide*, *Pygmalion*, *Things Fall Apart*

I look forward to working with each of you during the next school year.

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