

AP English Literature Summer Projects Packet

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AP English Literature Assignment Overview

Welcome to AP English Literature. Because I want you to be successful in this class, you will have summer projects that will help you prepare for the work we will do next year. You will have four assignments that will be due on the first day of school in August.

Assignment 1: Novel Reading

Choose a novel to read from the summer novel list. After reading it, please use it to write an essay answering the 2004 AP question. This essay should be typed and follow the formatting guide included in this packet. As you will be graded on this essay, make it the best you're capable of producing.

Assignment 2: *The Odyssey*

Please read *The Odyssey* and annotate it using the annotation guide included in this packet. After reading it, please use it to write an essay answering the 2002 AP question. This essay should be typed and follow the formatting guide included in this packet. As you will be graded on this essay, make it the best you're capable of producing.

Assignment 3: Greek, Hebraic, and Christian Background

Most classic literature makes allusion to and draws symbols and themes from the religion and mythology of the Greeks, Hebrews, and Christians. Please study the readings on the Greek, Hebraic, and Christian Background page included in this packet. You will have a test on them on the first day of school.

Assignment 4: Literary Terms

Study and memorize the list of literary terms included in this packet. You will have a test on them on the first day of school. You should know their definitions and be able to recognize them in a piece of literature.

Summer Novel List

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Catch-22 by Joseph Heller

Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce

The Awakening by Kate Chopin

Light in August by William Faulkner

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner

Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy

Hellenistic, Hebraic, and Christian Background

Greek

Familiarize yourself with the Olympian gods. Then, read each of the myths below. All of this material may be found online, in any Greek mythology book, or at the Orem AP English website.

- War of the Titans
- Demeter and Persephone
- Prometheus
- Jason and the Argonauts
- The Labors of Hercules
- Daedalus and Icarus
- The Trojan War
- Orpheus
- Theseus
- The Judgment of Paris

Hebrew and Christian

The Bible has been a rich source of material in Western literature. Read the following passages. Please use the King James Version of the Old and New Testament. (This is simply because the KJV was the translation most commonly used by the writers that we will study.) The New Revised Standard Version can offer additional historical context and clarification, and may be used in addition to the KJV.

- Genesis
- Exodus 1-14
- Ecclesiastes
- Ruth
- Psalm 23
- Matthew 5-7
- Matthew 14
- Luke 10
- Luke 15
- John 11:1-43
- 1 Corinthians 13

Essay Formatting Guide

Please follow these guidelines when writing essays for this class. Failure to follow these guidelines will lower your overall grade on the assignment. All essays except in-class timed writing practices must be typed.

- The entire essay, including the heading and the title, should be double-spaced.
- The heading should be in the upper left corner and include your name, the class, and the date.
- The title should be centered but not bolded or italicized.
- The entire essay should be in 12 point Times New Roman or a similar font.
- Follow MLA conventions for any citations you make.
- You do not need to follow MLA conventions for headers.

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Life at a Moral Price

Survival sometimes requires people to make terrible choices. But are these choices justified, especially if they endanger the lives of others? In the *Odyssey*, as Odysseus journeys home, he faces many challenges that threaten his life, and these challenges lead him to make choices that we may find troubling, or even repugnant. These choices make us unsure about Odysseus' morality, and they highlight the difficulties we each face in trying to what's right for us while also doing what's right for others.

