2018-2019 AP Lit and Composition: Summer Reading Assignments:

Books: *Death of a Salesman* **by Arthur Miller**
> *How to Read Literature like a Professor* **by Thomas C. Foster**

1. Death of a Salesman addresses several important themes, including:
1. The American Dream is acquirable by all
2. Abandonment leaves humans in despair
3. Betrayal is damaging to one's core

As you read the book, use the dialectal journal to note the pages and how that particular scene, line, actions, literary device, etc. address one of the individual concepts listed above.

You should have 10-15 entries for each concept.

Choose one of the themes on which to write a one page reflection. A reflection is meant to be your analysis and thoughts over what you have read. THIS IS NOT A SUMMARY.

Things to consider when writing: What are your thoughts on it after reading the play? How was the literary device you chose from the other reading tied to the theme?

When we return, you will do several additional assignments related to the book. Please have the reading and assignment done (and with you!) on the first day of school.

2. How to Read Literature like a Professor will address several literary elements that are commonly found in works of literature. This book is critical in helping to fully understand the ideas of analysis on a work over a summary.

You will choose a chapter in this book to help you analyze the play *Death of a Salesman*.

You can find both of these books at any local bookstore (Half Priced Books, Barnes and Noble, etc.). You can also find online versions here:

Death of a Salesman PDF

How to read literature like a professor

I have set up a Google Classroom for the AP summer reading assignment. You may email me through this classroom should you have questions over the readings or assignment. Join the class using the code: **wcba1k3**

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