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AP Literature and Composition

Hello Everyone,

Attached to this letter you will find the summer reading assignment for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to current circumstances the requirements for the summer reading have changed. This assignment will count solely as an EXTRA MAJOR AND DAILY GRADE. This means there will not be a penalty for not completing it, however that also means you cannot receive the extra grade.

This will probably be the easiest major grade you will have this semester. So here are the requirements for the assignment:

1. It will be due 2 weeks after the first day of school.
2. Late assignments WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
3. You may (and it is suggested) that you purchase, minimally, *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas Frost, as we will reference it often.
4. We will also reference the play *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller often as well. So, if you do not complete the assignment it is still considered required reading for the class in general.
5. All assignments will need to be turned in through Turnitin.com plagiarism checker (to be set up on the first day of school). Any assignments that are deemed plagiarized will not be accepted and you will lose your opportunity to have the extra grade.

That's pretty much it for the summer reading assignment. I'd like to welcome you to AP Lit and I know that regardless of how this year begins we will try our best to hit the ground running. Be prepared to read and analyze and I'll see you in August.

2020-2021 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. *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*.

2. *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 dialectical 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 20-30 entries for the theme you chose.

Then use the theme you chose 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 *How to Read Literature*... 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.

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: **y2zjjsi**

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