AP Literature Summer Reading Assignment

Course Description

AP English Literature and Composition is a rigorous college-level course that will give students a learning experience equivalent to a typical undergraduate introduction to literature class. The reading and writing is frequent and challenging, and the course requires independent thinking. Writing well about literature is a key component to this class. Through close reading of literary text, student will come to understand how writers use language to provide meaning and to answer complex questions in life. We will explore literature through different critical lenses to understand how literature fits into its own time as well as in all time. Our literary analysis will look through the lenses of style, structure, diction, figurative language, imagery, selection of detail, and syntax. Vocabulary study is critical. Students will also master literary terms. It is expected that students will take the AP English exam in May. Students should check with various colleges to see what credits they offer for the test.

What is the workload in AP Literature and Composition?

1. You will have nightly reading of approximately 40-50 pages a night.
2. You will be required to read a minimum of three novels outside of the required class reading each semester.
3. You will have graded written work weekly. Written work will be graded on the AP Scoring Rubric.
4. Class discussions will take place and ALL students are expected to participate.

Summer Reading Texts:

1. Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
2. How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas Foster

Both books may be checked out through the school; however, owning your own copy allows you to annotate and highlight significant passages.

Instructions for obtaining this work:

You must log in to google classroom using your mdusd.net account. The format for the account is as follows: 16_first initialfulllastname01@mdusd.net
(For example, Mary Shelley, if she were your age, would be 16_mshelley01@mdusd.net). If 01 does not work, try 02...particularly if you have a common last name and first initial combination. That is zero1, not the letter o. Your password is cphsstudentidnumber (in its entirety), and cphs is lower case.

Once in to google classroom, find the spot where you select that you are a student and THEN add a class. The course code is Y5g8f6.

Your reward for all of that work is the nine page document that is the summer reading assignment. You will, on the first day of class, be told how you will be submitting this work which we will be checking for plagiarism. We suggest that you do original work (don't copy from your friends or use internet sites for help).