

2009 AP Literature Summer Assignment

Please Read:

1. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor: A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines.* Thomas C. Foster
2. *Oedipus Rex.* Sophocles. (any translation)
3. A prize winning fictional novel of your choice.

Be prepared for an assessment on the first two books, and to write a paper on the novel that you choose. Have fun reading. ☺

The Rules:

- Read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* before the novel.
- Choose a novel that has won a major award for fiction, such as the Pulitzer or the Man Booker Prize. You may also choose a novel by an author that has won the Nobel Prize for fiction. The Nobel Prize is given to an author for a body of work, not a single book; for instance, Toni Morrison won the Nobel Prize for fiction; so any of her novels would be fine, including *Beloved*, which also won a Pulitzer Prize. Lists of prize winners for fiction are readily available online. Make sure that your selected work is not a collection of stories.
- **Books that are exempt from the assignment:**
 - **Any book assigned in a previous or current English class**
 - **Young adult fiction (for instance, *The Outsiders*)**
 - **The books analyzed at length in *How to Read Literature Like a Professor: The Old Man in the Sea, Passage to India, Going After Cacciato*, etc.**
- If you have any questions about whether a novel is suitable for the assignment, please email Ms. Dullnig at Kathleen.Dullnig@fcps.edu.