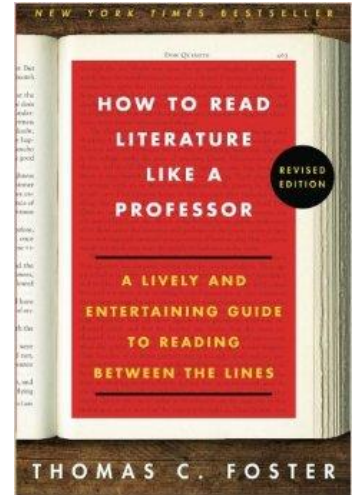


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2017 Summer Assignment  
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Because you are entering AP Literature and Composition, it is highly recommended that this summer you pick up the book *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster. The reading will be due a week into the new school year; therefore, you should take your free moments during the summer months and begin reading and working on your notes. This book is a popular summer read, and all local bookstores will stock the book. Half-Price Books on Rt. 59 often has used copies for a discounted price. This text is one of the foundations of this course; therefore, it is crucial you read and understand the information Foster explains.



As you read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* (HTRLLAP), create a list of key points that you may reference and augment throughout the year. Each chapter must contain a list of 3-5 bullet-pointed key ideas. Write in complete sentences. Format your notes like this:

“Introduction: How Did He Do That?”

- Key element
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**Example:**

“Introduction: How’d He Do That?”

- ✓ The experienced reader has acquired a “language of reading”, a set of conventions and patterns, codes and rules that we learn to employ while reading.
- ✓ Stories and novels have a set of conventions: types of characters, plot rhythms, chapter structures, point-of-view limitations.
- ✓ Experienced readers use memory, symbol, and pattern in order to decipher meaning.

\*Please skip the following chapters:

Chapter 16: It’s All About Sex . . .

Chapter 17: . . . Except Sex

Chapter 27: A Test Case

*Another Thing: One of our required materials is a non-spiral bound composition notebook—this will be your Reader’s Notebook. Periodically, I will collect this for a grade. I would like you to take ALL your notes from HTRLLAP in this notebook so you will be able to reference this information while you’re reading throughout the year.*

*How to Read Literature Like a Professor* must be read by August 28<sup>th</sup>. DO NOT procrastinate. You will have additional reading to complete the first week of school.

Questions? Email me over the summer at [jmcowell@psd202.org](mailto:jmcowell@psd202.org)

See you in August!

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