AP Literature and Composition

Summer Expectations

**Welcome to AP Lit!** It is an amazing class if you love reading and writing! It is college-level and it will be expected that you can read and understand literature on your own—we do not spend time summarizing, we work on analyzing. It is also faster paced than a regular classroom and there is more independence (and therefore if you have questions you must make it known or it is assumed you understand and we move on.)

For further information and copies of assignments, see my Weebly.

**Assignments:**

In general, always read as much as possible. Read books of literary merit (classics) and poetry.

Specifically, you will be expected to read the novel ***The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger**. It is also suggested you complete a **Major Works Journal** for this novel (and any book of literary merit that you read). This novel must be completed by the first week of school.

It will also be expected that you complete the first draft of your **college essay** (see requirements) and have it ready to turn in the first week of school.

You will want to purchase the textbooks needed for this class. It is suggested you buy them as opposed to renting/borrowing so that you can write in them and otherwise mark them. Also, it is important to purchase the books with the same ISBN number—not doing so makes following along in class difficult.

**Required Texts:**

How to Read Literature Like a Professor     978-0-06-230167-3  
How to Read Poetry Like a Professor            978-0-06-211378-8  
Oedipus Rex                    978-0-486-26877-4  
Hamlet                              978-0-7434-7712-3  
Dracula                             978-0-486-41109-5

In addition, you will be reading two books of literary merit independently (you will sign up for these in class), and if time allows we may read *The Great Gatsby* at the end of the year.

I look forward to having you in class this fall. You can contact me with any questions you have at 906-396-3705.

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