

**AP Literature and Composition**  
**2018-2019 – Summer Reading**  
**Thomas**

I am excited and honored to be your AP English Literature and Composition instructor for the 2018-2019 school year. AP Lit. is a college level course taken during your junior year of high school. During the course of the school year, I will help you practice and perfect your critical reading, writing, and thinking skills, as well as help you become a more principled, knowledgeable, and reflective young adult. This is a fast paced class that has high expectations, but with practice, study, and determination, you will leave this class a stronger reader, writer, and thinker.

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This year, for your summer reading I am asking you to have completely read *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. It is a short novel, but don't let that fool you. It is full of meaning! I suggest purchasing your own copy to mark and take notes in as you read, but you may also check a book from our library. All summer reading assignments and books have been placed in the front office.

The expectation is that you have the book completely read by Tuesday, August 21, 2018 (you probably will be given an objective quiz over the book on Tuesday, August 21 – hint, hint, hint). If you want to take notes or mark in your book as you read, please do. If you have a library copy of the book, just use post it notes to stick in the book as you read. Expectations will be that you know:

- The basic plot
- Main characters
- Main events
- Conflict, complications, and resolutions

We will ONLY spend about two weeks on *Animal Farm*, so you must have the reading done. This will give you a solid foundation on which to build your in-depth study, analysis, and understanding of the novel.

The other book we will be reading the first nine weeks is *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. It is much longer than *Animal Farm*. Because the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks is full of homework, social and extra curricular activities, I would recommend to go ahead and get a jump start on things and read this book too.

If you have any questions, please email me, [christithomas@hjsd.net](mailto:christithomas@hjsd.net).

I hope you have a great summer, and I am looking forward to next year.