

**Eastside High School**  
**AP English Literature and Composition**  
**Mrs. Lordemann's Summer Reading Assignment**

**Rationale**

-In this course, you will be required to carefully and critically read imaginative literature. It's also important that you learn to understand a work's complexity, to absorb richness of meaning, and to analyze how meaning is embodied in literary form. This assignment will help facilitate that process and will begin to pave the way for fostering a deep and lifelong appreciation of literature. Enjoy!

**Assignment**

1. Read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster. For each chapter, write a one sentence summary of Foster's ideas.
2. Choose and read a book from the list below. After (or as) you read, write a 350-500 word reflection in which you relate the novel to at least five of Foster's chapters. Since this assignment is a reflection, it should be written through first-person point of view and highly personalized. In other words, feel free to express your opinions.

- Beloved*
- Catcher in the Rye*
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
- Song of Solomon*
- The Poisonwood Bible*
- Cry the Beloved Country*
- The Kite Runner*
- Angela's Ashes*
- All the King's Men*
- Black Boy*
- A Tale of Two Cities*
- Their Eyes Were Watching God*
- The Color Purple*
- A Fine Balance* (Rohinton Mistry)
- The Alchemist*

3. Last, read a novel of your own choosing. However, it must be a novel you have never had to read for school purposes and should instead be your own *personal* selection. Novels that are considered part of the general high school curriculum will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please email me at [tboyce@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:tboyce@greenville.k12.sc.us). As you read, reflect on whether or not Foster would consider this novel worthy of literary merit. It might be a good idea to take some notes because when school begins, you will be required to write an essay on your novel choice, using textual examples (from both the novel and Foster) to support your argument.

**Requirements and Assessment**

1. Everything must be typed and formatted in 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double-spaced.
2. The two written parts of this assignment will be turned in as one unit, so please label each part appropriately.
3. This will be counted as your first major grade. You will be assessed on meeting the requirements (following directions), level of insight, and level of accuracy.