

Dear Future Hebron Hawk,

This summer, you are charged with continuing to read! Research consistently demonstrates that students who do not read over the summer regress in their reading skills, and we want progress! You will read two books: one that YOU want to read, and one that we want you to read to be prepared for our time together. If you are enrolled in Pre AP or GT Pre AP English for next year, you are required to complete the following summer reading assignment:

- **ALL** students will read **one novel of your choice**. While you should read the book for enjoyment, you should also be prepared to discuss the book when you get to class with meaning and purpose. Choose your novel to read this summer following these guidelines:
  - Fiction novel minimum of 300 pages
  - Cannot have been read/ taught in middle school
  - Cannot be a book that has been made into a film/ movie
  - Cannot be a graphic novel or a photo/ picture book
  - Cannot have been published prior to 2015
  - Cannot be from the Percy Jackson, or any Rick Riordan, series or on a similar reading level
  - Must have parents' permission to read the novel
- **PRE AP** students will purchase and read the book ***How to Read Literature like a Professor for Kids*** by Thomas C. Foster. We will begin the semester by analyzing your novel of choice according to the concepts introduced in this book.
  - ISBN: 978-0-06-220085-3 Harper Collins Publisher
  - Available at Amazon or Barnes & Noble for around \$6.00
- **GT PRE AP** students will read the book ***Animal Farm*** by George Orwell. This novel is an allegory which concerns the nature (and abuses) of organized revolt. We will cover various aspects of the novel for a *long* time in the 1st 9 weeks.
  - ISBN: 978-0-451-52634-2 Signet Classics Publisher
  - Available at Amazon or Barnes & Noble for around \$9.00
- Both books should be read by the first day of school. Students should expect an assignment during the first two weeks of class over their novel. Students who begin class in January will have the assignment then.

The primary goal is for students to enjoy reading this summer. **Please read the directions in this letter carefully**, and contact us with any questions. We hope that you have a safe, restful summer and that reading is a part of this summer's enjoyment. Please email one of us if you have questions about this assignment.

Sincerely,

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**WARNING:** Do not procrastinate completing this assignment based on what your schedule indicates. Students who experience a schedule change from a spring class to a fall class will not receive extended time. Both books should be completed over the summer!

## We've made some bookmarks for you!



### SOURCES

1. [http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=know\\_the\\_facts](http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=know_the_facts)
2. <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/summer-loss>
3. <http://www.onlinecollege.org/2012/05/15/15-critical-facts-everyone-should-know-about-summer-learning-loss/>
4. <http://www.littlescholarsllc.com/blog/summer-learning-loss-facts/>



### Literary Terms for English I Pre AP Students

To be prepared for Pre AP and for GT Pre AP at HHS9, you will be expected to be familiar with the following terms from middle school curriculum.

#### Imagery and comparisons

- Metaphors
- Personification
- Symbolism
- Allusion

#### Other forms of figurative language:

- Hyperbole
- Dramatic irony
- Situational irony
- Verbal irony

#### Diction (word choice)

#### Tone and voice

#### Syntax

- Sentence structure
  - long/short
  - Fragments
- Word order in sentences
- Questions