

AP English Literature and Composition

Summer Reading 2021-22

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Room 202

Paperback Text: The Norton Introduction to Literature, Kelly J. Mays, Ed. (11th edition, 2014)

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*All four texts below can be purchased as paperbacks. Since I will be teaching annotation and the seminar model, students will need to write in their books.

Summer Assignments

***ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE FRIDAY, JULY 30TH BY 8PM; ALL ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN CANVAS**

Emma, by Jane Austen

The novel is written during the Regency Period and reflects the social norms of love, socio-economic status, and etiquette from Austen's lens of knowledge. Although plot development is important, **Character Analysis** is the major focus and, it is through the characters, that readers identify the social limitations and hypocrisy that come with the *rules* of Regency society.

Canvas Zoom Site/Breakout Sessions: TBA-This session will be an online teacher/student engaged learning environment.

Creating a Podcast or Discussion Board, 50 points: Character Analysis OR an Event that illustrates, describes, or sets a tone that supports a common social norm of the Regency Period. Make sure that you put your own voice/opinion in your Podcast. Research information that you found about Austen or the Regency Period that will enrich your dialogue. What comparisons can be made in American society today? *Instructions will be provided for this project/assessment;*
**DO NOT PROCEED WITH THE PODCAST WITHOUT TEACHER
PROTOCOL/PARAMETERS ARE GIVEN**

Death of a Salesman, by Arthur Miller; play is in the Norton Anthology on pg. 999.

Poetry Assessment: This is a modern tragedy that depicts a family dynamic which is complex and dysfunctional. At the center is the tragic-hero, Willy Loman (*low man*), who is unaware of the impact and influence he has on his two lost *boys*. In human nature, we learn that love can be complicated and misunderstood but, can this family heal and is Willy capable of change?" **Write**

a poem that illustrates the dynamics of the play and the theme of the American Dream and/or family/love. The criteria is listed below: Choose any two poetic devices, plus the direct quote.

1. One line demonstrating personification
2. One line that demonstrates simile or metaphor
3. One line of alliteration
4. One line that demonstrates symbolism (Miller uses several significant symbols to convey meaning)
5. One direct quote taken “word for word” from the play that is integrated into your poem. This line is cited at the end of the line. Ex: “” when he died-----and by the way, he died the death of a salesman...” (Miller 1043).

All lines that exemplify a literary element should be labeled at the end of each line

The poem is to be 10+ lines in length and be creative!

Grapes of Wrath, by John Steinbeck

Discussion Board/Canvas, 50 pts.: TBA with date for window to open and close for credit/participation

Academic Journaling, 100 pts.: Students will keep a structured journal based on a handout that I provide via an attachment to their school email.

Heart of Darkness, Joseph Conrad

Self-Reflection Assignment, 50 pts.: Conrad’s premise is that man will do unspeakable things to gain power and influence which is conveyed in the behavior of key characters in the novel. “In Conrad’s haunting tale, Marlow, a seaman and wanderer, recounts his physical and psychological journey in search of the enigmatic Kurtz” (Ackroyd, *Times*). Write a Self-Reflection about a time or personal event where greed or the need for power/recognition got the best of you. Think of this writing as a polished journal entry; it is not a formal essay. Length is to be one and a half pages that are double spaced. Name, class, and date are to be typed on the left-hand side of the paper!

1. THE WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE DUE ON THE APPROVED **SUMMER DATE**; **this is NOT the first day of school.** FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS WILL RESULT IN DROPPING THE CLASS; **DUE: 7/30/21**
2. DO NOT PLAGIARIZE
3. ALL FOUR ASSIGNED READINGS MUST BE COMPLETED **BEFORE** THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS
4. THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTITUTE ASSIGNMENT FOR ZOOM SESSION OR DB.

Enjoy your summer and make reading an everyday part of your pleasure so that **Procrastination IS** avoided!