

AP LITERATURE SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2017 FOR JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL

Dear AP Literature Student,

Welcome to Advanced Placement Literature. In order to begin next year on the right level, we are giving two reading and writing assignments to be completed before the beginning of the school year.

ASSIGNMENT 1: Read *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. You may buy a copy of *Jane Eyre*, receive a school-issued copy, or borrow one from a public library. You should take notes on the novel, responding to the experiences of Jane and writing down any insights you gain about the novel during your reading. Furthermore, you should write down ten quotations (with accompanying page numbers) that you think are revealing about both Jane's character and the cultural attitudes of the other figures in the novel. Be sure to include in your quotations and your note-taking some of the specific differences in Jane's experiences at Gateshead, Lowood, Thornfield and Moore House.

ASSIGNMENT 2: Read *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. You may buy a copy of *Crime and Punishment*, receive a school-issued copy, or borrow one from a public library. You should take notes on the novel, responding to the experiences of Raskolnikov and writing down any insights you gain about the novel during your reading. Furthermore, you should write down ten quotations (with accompanying page numbers) that you think are revealing about the psychological mindset of Raskolnikov and other major figures in the novel, such as Sonya, Dunya, Razumikhin, and Svidrigailov. Be sure in your note-taking to consider poverty's pervasive presence, the roles of the female characters, and the setting of St. Petersburg. In addition, keep an eye out for Dostoevsky's use of symbols, motifs, and themes focusing on independence, guilt, and alienation.

When we return to school, we will provide overviews for *Jane Eyre* and *Crime and Punishment* and respond to questions and concerns about your reading. After these opportunities have been offered, you will be administered evaluations in which you have to demonstrate your expertise and insights into these two works. Come back bright and prepared. We look forward to having you in our A.P. Literature classes.

Sincerely,

Michael Hartnett

Walter Kirby