

## AP LITERATURE SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2023 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 *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison. You may buy a copy of *Invisible Man*, receive a school-issued copy, or borrow one from a public library. You should take notes on the novel, responding to the experiences of the unnamed narrator 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 the narrator and other major figures in the novel, such as Dr. Bledsoe, Clifton, Brother Hambro, Jack, Ras the Exhorter, and Sybil. Be sure in your notetaking to consider the pervasive presence of economics, race, politics, the Brotherhood, and the New York streets. In addition, look for Ellison's use of symbols, motifs, and themes focusing on identity, independence, and alienation.

When we return to school, we will provide overviews for *Jane Eyre* and *Invisible Man* and respond to any questions or concerns about your reading. After these opportunities have been offered, you will be assessed to demonstrate your expertise in and insights of these two works. Return to school prepared. We look forward to having you in our A.P. Literature classes.

Sincerely,

Michael Hartnett

Walter Kirby