



Dear Students and Guardians,

Welcome to Advanced Placement Literature class at Tocoi Creek High School. As part of the preparation for the course, students are required to read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* (Revised Edition) by Thomas C. Foster. The St. Johns School District policy regarding required texts for college-level texts is as follows:

"This course is an AICE, AP, IB, or DE course designed to earn college credit as well as meet high school graduation requirements. As such, materials and discussions for this course may reflect topics not typically included in SJCSO courses. Due to the dual credit nature of this course, content and materials used in this course are not able to be modified to accommodate variations in student age and/or maturity."

The text is an insightful explanation of effective ways in which to analyze literature and will be utilized as a reference throughout the year. The ISBN# for the book is 978-0062301673, and it can be ordered new or used through the vendor of your choice. In addition to reading the book, students will need to keep a journal as they read. In the journal they will need to record the following for each chapter:

- Write down three main points from each chapter and explain how they connect back to the title of the chapter.
- Write down three quotes from each chapter and explain briefly why you chose the quote. Explanations should be between 3-5 sentences in length and engage with specific aspects of the quote (language features, theme, style).

These journal entries will be used as a springboard for novel analysis, so they will need to be detailed and developed. They will also count as the first formative assessment of the quarter. If you or your child have any questions about the reading or the assignment, please email me at Lori.mcGuffin@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Appreciatively,
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AP Literature Teachers