

So You're Taking AP Literature?

Woo! Excited to have you. This course will be challenging and probably frustrating at times, but it will also set you on the path to self-reflection and revelation. The journey begins with required summer reading (as all great journeys do). You will read a total of 2 books, & prepare 3 written pieces for each.

1. Read *Gilgamesh* translated by Stephen Mitchell (**Required of all students taking AP Lit**)
2. Read **EITHER:** *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte **OR** *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
3. Sign into Google Classroom using the code **kf3ky2m** and watch the videos for *Gilgamesh* and your chosen Bronte novel.
4. **For both books:** Write a **passage analysis** focused on one topic from the video. Choose a passage (usually one paragraph/stanza to a couple pages long) from the book, and analyze how it connects to your chosen topic, as well as a theme (universal statement of truth- one complete sentence) in the novel. Consider such elements as symbolism, diction, syntax, imagery, character development, archetypes, etc. This should be **at least one page** long.
5. **For both books:** Complete a **reflective piece**, synthesizing your beliefs on your chosen topic with suggestions from the text & other sources that address the same. Don't worry about structure, grammar, etc.; reflective pieces focus on your thoughts, not their order. You can essentially go anywhere you want with this-it's all about where your mind takes you. This should be **at least one page** long.
6. **For both books:** Complete a **Novel Analysis Cheat Sheet**. This is available in electronic copy on Google Classroom, or in paper copy from Ms. Graham's room (603).

You will produce projects/discussions based on our study of the novels during the first month of school, as well as complete a test & essay on both books.

If you have questions over the summer, please feel free to email me at egraham@psusd.us. You can also leave me a comment in Google Classroom. I will most definitely answer! Good luck, have fun, and happy reading!