Advanced Placement English Literature Scholars,

Congratulations on your acceptance into the AP Literature course and on becoming an Overlea senior. Please read the instructions for your summer reading assignment carefully. You will be responsible for completing this work correctly so if you have ANY questions please email me at emanzo@bcps.org. I look forward to learning with you next year!

Enjoy your summer,

Ms. Manzo

Note to Students Regarding Academic Dishonesty

If any student is found committing one of the academic dishonesty actions below, he/she will receive an automatic INC and will meet with his/her parent, English DC and an administrator. Academic dishonesty is defined as an intentional act of deception in which a student seeks to claim credit for the work or effort of another person or uses unauthorized material or fabricated information in any academic work.

It includes, but is not limited to:

1. Cheating – giving or receiving answers on assigned material, using materials or aids forbidden by the instructor, unauthorized possession of examinations, or any other intentional use or attempted use of unauthorized materials, information, or study aid.

2. Plagiarism – the offering of someone else’s work, words, or idea as one’s own or using material from another source without acknowledgement.

3. Interference – interfering without permission with the work of another student either by obtaining, changing or destroying the work of another student.

4. Buying or selling of term papers, homework, examinations, laboratory assignments, computer programs, etc.

5. Falsifying of one’s own or another’s academic records, or falsifying of admissions, registration, or other related college materials.

6. Knowingly assisting someone who engages in 1-5 above.
AP 12 Summer Reading Assignment

This assignment (both the reading and the writing portion) will be due the first week of October. This is a reading-heavy college level course and you will be expected to complete and be able to discuss all of the assigned readings.

AP Novel Reading Assignment (30 Minor Points for Quarter One)

Instructions: Your 2022 Summer Reading Assignment will focus on two separate novels. Read both in their entirety and be ready to discuss them as a class. Complete the journal entry assignment for both books as you read to help guide your understanding. The journal entries will be graded.

The Handmaid’s Tale by Margaret Atwood

Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead, a totalitarian and theocratic state that has replaced the United States of America. Because of dangerously low reproduction rates, Handmaids are assigned to bear children for elite couples that have trouble conceiving. Offred serves the Commander and his wife, Serena Joy, a former gospel singer and advocate for “traditional values.” Offred is not the narrator’s real name—Handmaid names consist of the word “of” followed by the name of the Handmaid’s Commander. Offred’s freedom, like the freedom of all women, is completely restricted. She can leave the house only on shopping trips, the door to her room cannot be completely shut, and the Eyes, Gilead’s secret police force, watch her every public move. – Sparknotes.com

Passing, a 1929 novel by Nella Larsen, then a rising star in the Harlem Renaissance, tells the story of the friendship between two light-skinned black women, Irene and Clare. Irene “passes” for white, eventually abandoning her black heritage, while Clare, who can also pass, is proud of her racial background. The novel begins with Irene receiving a letter from Clare, her childhood friend. Irene recalls the death of Clare’s father and how she eventually disappeared from their Chicago neighborhood. Irene then thinks of a chance encounter she had with Clare years later when she visited Chicago. The story then reverts to a flashback of that day. - Supersummary.com
https://archive.org/details/passing00lars(mode/2up
Journal Entries

❖ While you read and analyze the text of your choice, you will be keeping an on-going journal. It is suggested that you use a word document for this; however, you are welcome to handwrite as well.

❖ You MUST have read both novels in their entirety and have applied the strategy, Silly Cats Can’t Play Tennis, to each chapter of the novel. See below for the acronym and reading strategy questions.

❖ We will use this strategy throughout the year to assist with analysis of prose passages; it is important that you know it well!

For students to receive 30/30 points towards this Q1 minor grade, the following analysis must be evident in their journal entries. Entries may be in paragraph form or note taking format for EACH chapter.

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<td>Silly Setting</td>
<td>-What is the setting within this part of the novel?</td>
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<td>-Examine how the setting affects the plot and contributes to the conflict that exists at this point within the novel.</td>
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<td>Cats Character</td>
<td>-Who are the characters?</td>
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<td>-Examine why they are important to the novel as a whole and how they are affected by the plot.</td>
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<td>Can’t Conflict</td>
<td>-What are the conflicts that exist at this point within the novel?</td>
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<td>-How are the characters affected?</td>
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<td>-How is the conflict progressing throughout the novel?</td>
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<td>Play Point of View</td>
<td>-What point of view does the narrator use?</td>
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<td>-Who is telling this part of the story?</td>
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<td>-How objective and/or reliable is the narrator?</td>
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<td>-How limited are his perceptions, and what contributes to these limitations (environment, age, intellect, awareness)?</td>
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<td>Tennis Tone and Theme</td>
<td>-What is the author’s attitude toward the subject in this chapter? How does the tone affect the meaning of the literature?</td>
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<td>-To discover a theme, a writer can begin by stating one of the subject areas that the literature is commenting on (for example: humanity); then, the writer can explain what the work of literature is saying about that subject area in a debatable sentence (for example: The battle over humanity is never ending.).</td>
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AP Essay Assignment (6/6 AP Rubric Points for a Q1 Major Grade)

Instructions: You may choose ONE of the prompts below. After reading both novels, choose ONE to write your essay about.

Note: Please make sure that your essay has an arguable thesis and evidence from the text that supports it.

Format: Be sure to review the link below for MLA formatting; essays will not be accepted if the student does not attempt to review these expectations and the formatting.

❖ Cover page: Use your One Pager as your cover.
❖ Write at least two typed pages in MLA format.
❖ Title that really gets to the essence of your thesis. Students should use ONLY the novel as a source of analysis.
❖ Works cited page: Every student MUST complete a works cited page.

(Resources)

How to create a Works Cited Page:
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/MLA_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_works_cited_page_books.html

How to use in-text citations:
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/MLA_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_in_text_citations_the_basics.html

Example of a literary Analysis Essay:
https://app.sophia.org/tutorials/selecting-topics-for-literary-analysis

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Essay Prompts

Option #1 Handmaid’s Tale Essay Prompt:
In literary works, cruelty often functions as a crucial motivation or a major social or political factor. Analyze how in the novel, The Handmaid’s Tale, acts of cruelty are important to the theme. Then, write a well-developed essay analyzing how cruelty functions in this novel as a whole and what the cruelty reveals about the perpetrators and/or victims.

Option #3 Passing Essay Prompt:
Many works of literature contain a character who intentionally deceives others. The character’s dishonesty may be intended either to help or to hurt. Such a character, for example, may choose to mislead others for personal safety, to spare someone’s feelings, or to carry out a crime. In the novel, Passing, analyze how the main character deceives others. Then, in a well-written essay, analyze the motives for that character’s deception and discuss how the deception contributes to the novel’s theme.
AP Grading Rubric (Literary Argument Essay)
ring-rubrics.pdf?course=ap-english-literature-and-composition

Let’s look at how the AP rubric is used to assess your analysis! Click here:
https://youtu.be/8dVPTzqamLA