



Sagemont Preparatory School

Incoming AP English Literature Summer Reading 2026-27

Assignment 1:

Read Thomas C. Foster's *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*. As you read, write a four-sentence summary of each chapter, illustrating Foster's main point for that chapter. For each chapter you need to have:

1. Synopsis: Four-sentence summary
2. Application: An explanation of how the information in that chapter applies to a work of literature. Do not use the same work of literature for all the chapters. You should use at least FIVE works of literary merit (reading currently or read in past) to prove your point.

Assignment 2:

Read *1984* by George Orwell. You will be discussing and presenting your knowledge of the novel in a variety of ways, after the summer break. You should be able to identify the common literary elements in this text, such as theme, setting, and characters. As you read, think about the connections to issues in society. Annotate the text to identify connections to issues in our time. You will need to bring your annotated text to class once the first semester commences.

*You can use this book for Assignment 1, in addition to other works that you read.