

Welcome to IB World Literature I (with a year one emphasis on AP Literature). I look forward to working with you for the next two years.

In preparation for an intensive, rigorous year of reading, analyzing, discussing, and writing about literature, your first project is to prepare a short presentation and write a short essay applying one of the chapters of Thomas C. Foster's *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* to a book or short story. HRLP is a very helpful introduction to literary analysis. It will help you boost your analytical skills; notice symbolism, motifs, and allusions; and tackle with confidence the AP and IB literature tests and essays to come. **I recommend you read the book in its entirety, but at least read a few chapters. You can find a PDF of an older edition on my teacher page or invest in a copy of your own. It's totally worth it! This project will be due about two weeks after school starts, so you will have time to do it in the Fall, but it would be helpful to get started on it over the summer.**

1. Sign up for a specific chapter in the book and select your text. It should be something you've read recently (high school) and be approved in advance.
2. Write a two page, typed and double-spaced essay applying the strategies presented in one chapter of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* to it. Be sure to include textual evidence from your selected text and from Foster's book, cited in text and with a Works Cited page. **You will turn in the assignment on turnitin.com in the first couple of weeks of school.**
3. Prepare a five minute presentation teaching the material in the chapter and applying it to your selected text. Your presentation will include a presentation aid (power point, etc), be well organized, and include thorough textual support to illustrate your ideas. The application should be your original idea; it's okay to **also** share Foster's applications (with citations, of course!), but you should develop an **original** idea to share with the class and to showcase your in-depth understanding.
4. You must share all of this outstanding analytical and creative work via presentation. Create a digital visual aid (PowerPoint, GoogleSlides, Canva, etc). You will present in class and share a copy of/link to your digital visual aid with me. All external information (including visuals!) must be cited properly. Quote information used word-for-word and paraphrase other information; in either case, information must be cited properly.

The project is worth 80 points total: 40 for the essay and 40 for the presentation.