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Welcome to ap Literature and composition

Your summer reading is an essential component to start the year right. The books listed below were selected as those which will best prepare you for success in your AP Literature and Composition Class

Please read the following books over the summer:

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

A) For EACH NOVEL, complete the following:

1. Historical information: When does the novel take place and what socially or culturally significant events are occurring?
2. Biographical information: What are some important facts about the author?
3. Characteristics of the genre: What is the genre of the book and what are the characteristics of that genre?
4. Plot Summary: What are the main or most important events that occur in the novel?
5. Author's Style: Describe the author's syntax and diction. If you don't know what these mean or how to apply them, just describe how the author describes events and/or characters.
6. An example: Give a quote from the text that you feel exemplifies their style.
7. Memorable Quotes: You may need to complete this on a separate sheet of paper. Write down **10** quotes from the beginning, middle and end of the novel and explain why they are important to one of the following:
Character, Setting, Conflict, Theme or a Literary Device such as Simile, Metaphor, Personification, Imagery, Symbolism, or Allusion (Try to apply each term at least once)
8. Characters: Write down the name, role and significance of the main characters and 2-3 adjectives that describe each character.
9. Setting: The specific time, place and era the novel takes place.
10. Symbols: Any objects, people, or places that you feel are representative of something else. Make sure you tell me the symbol as well as what it symbolizes or represents.
11. Possible Themes: What are **three** possible themes? Remember a theme is what the author is trying to show us about human nature or life. What can we all relate to?
12. Significance of the opening scene: Why is the opening scene important? What does it set up or how does it add to the rest of the novel?
13. Significance of the closing scene? Why is the closing scene important? How does it conclude the novel or what message does it leave us with?

Answer the following essay prompts:

Frankenstein essay prompt: Shelley has Frankenstein create a living being, who then becomes murderous. Who or what is responsible for the wretch's behavior? Is Shelley casting blame on a society that refuses to accept the wretch? Does she hold Frankenstein responsible for his negligence as a "parent" (both father and mother), or is the wretch himself responsible for the chaos he creates?

Wuthering Heights essay prompt: In literary works, cruelty often functions as a crucial motivation or a major social or political factor. In *Wuthering Heights* acts of cruelty are important to the theme. Write a well-developed essay analyzing how cruelty functions in the work as a whole and what the cruelty reveals about the perpetrator and/or victim.

Summer Reading Grades:

When you return in the fall I will check your work for both novels *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley and *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte on the first or second day of class.

You will be tested on the two novels within the first marking. I realize that both of the summer reading texts can be easily obtained online and that you could complete the work without reading the book. But the essay prompt you were given will be impossible to complete unless you have actually read the texts. Please do not attempt to write an essay on a book you haven't read, it will not go well.

DO NOT take the answers from on-line; you will receive a ZERO if you are suspected of plagiarizing.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE SUMMER READING WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF AP GRADE STATUS and FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE SUMMER READING WILL AFFECT THE 1ST MARKING PERIOD GRADE, AS THIS IS ASSIGNMENT WILL BE GRADED AS A TEST and Quiz GRADE.

Good Luck, and remember it's never too early to start your summer reading!