

Juanita High School Summer Reading 2018

Incoming Freshmen Honors English and Cambridge 9th Grade English Language

RATIONALE: The Juanita High School learning community encourages all students to develop into thoughtful, avid readers. With this aim, the staff is asking all incoming freshmen taking Honors 9th grade English or Cambridge English Language 9 to read the book described below.

We hope that you enjoy your summer reading!

***How to Read Literature Like a Professor: A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines, Revised Edition* by Thomas C. Foster**

While many books can be enjoyed for their basic stories, there are often deeper literary meanings interwoven in these texts. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* helps us to discover those hidden truths by looking at literature with the eyes—and the literary codes—of the ultimate professional reader, the college professor. What does it mean when a literary hero is traveling along a dusty road? When he hands a drink to his companion? When he's drenched in a sudden rain shower?

Ranging from major themes to literary models, narrative devices and form, Thomas C. Foster provides us with a broad overview of literature—a world where a road leads to a quest, a shared meal may signify a communion, and rain, whether cleansing or destructive, is never just a shower—and shows us how to make our reading experience more enriching, satisfying, and fun.

Summer Reading Assignment:

Read the selected chapters from Thomas C. Foster's *How to Read Literature Like a Professor: Revised Edition*

a. Chapter selections:

- i. Introduction
- ii. Chapter 1 – Every Trip Is a Quest
- iii. Chapter 4 – Now, Where Have I See Her Before?
- iv. Chapter 5 – When in Doubt, It's from Shakespeare
- v. Chapter 6 - ...or the Bible
- vi. Chapter 8 – It's Greek to Me
- vii. Chapter 9 – It's More Than Just Rain or Snow
- viii. Chapter 10 – Never Stand Next to the Hero
- ix. Chapter 12 – Is That a Symbol?
- x. Chapter 14 – Yes, She's a Christ Figure, Too

b. While reading the selected chapters above, students will annotate (take notes on the key ideas) each chapter. These notes will not be collected, so there is no minimum requirement; however, you will be able to use your notes as you work on various assignments during the first few weeks of school in September.

**We value your integrity.
Plagiarism and cheating will result in an
irrevocable score of zero.**

