

AP Literature Summer Assignment 2017-18

The Handmaid's Tale. This book is a dystopian vision of our society if it was overturned by a theocratic revolution. *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood has become one of the most powerful and widely read novels of our time. It is currently a TV show on Hulu, and it speaks very specifically to the kind of issues that face societies today.

Assignment #1—*The Handmaid's Tale* & Dialectical Journal.

Part 1: Read and Enjoy *The Handmaid's Tale*. You are expected to obtain your own copy of the text that you annotate as you read. You will need to have access to the book next spring—so you want your own.

Part 2: Watch several episodes of *The Handmaid's Tale* currently airing on Hulu. If you will be unable to access the show during the summer, please inform me of this before we get out of school.

Part 3: Create a dialectical journal that focuses on your response to the text, the TV show, and the world. As you read, look for quotations that seem significant, thought-provoking, or puzzling. Once you choose a passage that stands out to you, record it in the left column of a T-chart with the page number. In the right column, have a conversation--or "dialogue"--with the text by questioning, connecting to, predicting, reflecting on, or evaluating the passage. Through your journal, I expect to be able to get a sense of who you are as a writer and as a thinker. Please be take care to demonstrate your thoughtfulness and mindfulness.

Dialectical Journals need to be printed and mailed to Ms. Thurston by August 4, 2017. Please mail to:

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Assignment #2—*How to Read Literature Like a Professor* & Annotation.

Obtain a copy of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster. You should read and annotate the text. This can be done directly into the book if you want to write in it, or on sticky notes. Your annotated copy of the text will be submitted for grading on THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS.

Assignment #3—In class essay integrating the two texts.

I will return your annotated copy of the book and your dialectical journal to you for writing the essay. These will be the only material you will have access to during the essay writing period. Completing work during the summer will be essential for successfully writing this essay.

The summer assignment is worth 300 points. Each of the three parts of the assignment is weighted equally. This will be your first graded work for the semester.

