

FA AP Literature

“We read to know we are not alone.” – C.S. Lewis

2026-2027 Summer Reading Overview

Welcome to AP literature and Composition! We are going to venture into the world of fiction from across the world and across time periods (1600s to present). It should be an exciting ride! In order to prepare for the rigors of our upcoming year in AP Literature, you will need to keep your brain active and thinking critically this summer. Outlined below are the assignments you will need to complete and turn in by the first day of school (try not to procrastinate)

STEP 1: Building the Foundation

Please obtain your own hard copy of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor (Revised Edition)* by Thomas Foster (*HTRLLP*). **SKIP CHAPTERS 16-17**. Read and enjoy it. It is a little irreverent but quite enlightening. As this is your own copy of the text, I would suggest highlighting the key points of each chapter and annotating as you go.

Notes are not required; however, it would be helpful to have some sort of notes/annotations as we start the year. You will have an assignment on this novel when we start school.

STEP 2: The Novel

You will read *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt and will connect it to *HTRLLP*. While reading, I expect you to annotate and/or use sticky, color-coded flags in the book for plot, characterization, lit devices and allusions, as well as connections to *HTRLLP*. Be prepared to discuss and write an essay about this novel at the start of the year

Next, choose **THREE** chapters from *HTRLLP* and use those chapters to analyze *RBC*. These need to be handwritten. **DO NOT PLAGIARIZE**. This is your first assignment of the year, so make a good impression.

See you soon,

Mrs. Denise