

AP Literature Summer Reading 2020

Step one: Read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas Foster (https://www.stamfordpublicschools.org/sites/stamfordps/files/uploads/how_to_read_literature_like_a_professor.pdf). Create a dialectical journal, choosing 6 passages to respond to. Please see <http://latinacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/DialecticalJournalentryexample.doc.pdf> for a dialectical journal example.

Step two: Read *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. As you read the novel, select five passages (half a page to a full page). Copy or photocopy these passages and analyze them considering the following questions. Your analysis should be **at least one page**, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font per passage. Use the information you learned in *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*.

Text:

https://nisbah.com/summer_reading/grapes_of_wrath_john_steinbeck2.pdf

1. Why did you select the passage?
2. What was it about this particular passage stood out to you?
3. How significant or important is this particular passage to the novel?
4. What do you learn as a reader from this particular passage?
5. After finishing the novel, does this particular passage seem more or less significant?

Step three: Much of the quality literature that we will be reading, as well as many pieces that appear on the AP exam, frequently contain allusions to common Biblical stories and classic myths. It is vital that students spend time reading and becoming acquainted with the most common of these stories to deepen their appreciation and comprehension of the literature they read. Remember, we study these stories as literary canons as opposed to religious dictums. You may use Google in order to take your notes.

Take notes on the following stories, including those from the Bible and mythology. Your notes can be typed or handwritten. Each topic should have 2-4 bullets summarizing the most important aspects.

Stories from the Old Testament:

- Adam, Eve and the Garden of Eden
- God's test of Abraham
- Noah and the Flood
- Joseph and his brothers and the coat of many colors
- Cain and Abel
- Lot and his wife
- David and Goliath
- The discovery of baby Moses in the bushes
- Moses and the Passover
- Moses and burning bush
- The journey through the Red Sea
- Moses and the Pharaoh (fat and skinny cows)
- Manna from heaven
- The plagues of Egypt: what were they and why did they happen
- The Ten Commandments
- The Ark of the Covenant
- The story of Ruth
- The story of Job and the things with which he was plagued
- David and Bathsheba
- The story of King Solomon and his wisdom

Stories from the New Testament

- The Nativity
- The Prodigal Son
- Lazarus
- The Betrayal
- Matthew 1 or Luke 2
- 30 pieces of silver
- Luke 15: 11-32
- The Beatitudes
- John 11:1-12
- Pontius Pilate
- Matthew 1 or Luke 2
- Luke 15: 11-32
- Matthew 25, 26
- Matthew 26:33, Mark 15:22 or John 19:17

- Matthew 5:3-12

Mythology

- Pandora's Box
- Echo and Narcissus
- Cupid and Psyche
- King Midas the Golden Touch
- Arachne and Athena
- Phaeton/Apollo and Sun Chariot
- Icarus and Daedalus
- Minotaur and the Labyrinth
- Helen of Troy
- Achilles
- Aphrodite
- Athena
- Atlas
- Dionysus
- Cerberus
- Charon
- Helen of Troy
- Hera
- Zeus
- Artemis and Diana
- Prometheus
- Sisyphus