

**Advanced Placement Literature and Composition
Summer Reading Assignment 2010**

Please note that students entering 12th grade AP English Literature and Composition are exempt from the school wide summer reading assignment.

All students enrolled in AP Literature and Composition (12th grade) are required to read the following books:

- ***Wuthering Heights*** by Emily Brontë
- ***Their Eyes Were Watching God*** by Zora Neale Hurston

All students enrolled in AP Literature and Composition (12th grade) are required to complete TWO assignments:

ASSIGNMENT 1: AP Literature Out-of-Class Assignment:

This completed assignment is due Tuesday, August 31, 2010. For *each* of the two novels you read this summer, answer the following prompts. **We require that students complete their own work without consulting online sources such as *Cliff Notes*, *Sparknotes*, and other such sites. Students will be required to submit this assignment to Turnitin.com when they return to school. Plagiarism will result in a zero for the assignment with no chance of resubmission.** This assignment will be worth 50 points (25 points for each novel) in the Formative Assessments category of the gradebook.

Complete one outline for each of the two novels. Each outline should:

1. Identify at least five major characters in the novel; for **each** character, describe her/his personality and describe a scene which demonstrates her/his role in the novel (You will have 10 characters total.)
2. Identify three major themes within each novel (You will have a total of six themes!) For each of the six themes, identify and describe in detail three scenes that best illustrate each theme in the novels. (You will have a total of 18 scenes!).

*Note: Themes are not expressed as one-word statements. **They are expressed as sentences.***

Non-Example: The theme of the book is love. This statement does not express a theme; it only expresses the subject or topic of the novel.

To create a theme, ask yourself, what did you learn about that subject or topic after reading the novel.

Example of a theme: The search for love can form identity.

3. Identify three symbols in each novel and explain what they represent in the texts. (You will have a total of six symbols.)

ASSIGNMENT 2: AP Literature In-Class Assignment:

You will write an in-class AP Literature essay within the first two weeks of school on one of the novels. This essay will be worth 50 points in the Formative Assessments category.

Please note: This in-class essay will replace the school-wide assignment.

Rubric for Assignment 1: AP Literature Out-of-Class Assignment

| | A – Excellent | B – Good | C – Average | D – Below Average | E – Poor |
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| Major Characters | Describes five of the main characters, including descriptions of their personalities and supporting scenes. | Describes most of main the characters, including descriptions of their personalities and supporting scenes. | Describes some of main the characters, may leave out descriptions of their personalities and/or supporting scenes. | Describes one or two of main the characters, may leave out descriptions of their personalities and/or supporting scenes. | Does not attempt to describe the characters. |
| Themes | Identifies three significant themes in each novel. Themes are expressed as statements. | Identifies three significant themes in each novel. Themes may not be expressed as statements. | Identifies two significant themes in each novel. Themes may not be expressed as statements. | Identifies one significant theme in each novel. Theme may not be expressed as a statement. | Does not attempt to identify themes in the novels. |
| Theme Illustration | Richly supports each theme with three relevant scenes or events from the novels. | Includes relevant scenes or events, but may not support all aspects of the themes evenly. | Includes some scenes or events | Includes few scenes or events; may include information that contains inaccuracies | Does not attempt to support the themes with relevant scenes or events. |
| Symbols | Identifies three symbols in each novel and richly explains what they represent. | Identifies three symbols in each novel and explains what they represent. | Identifies two symbols in each novel and explains what they represent. | Identifies one symbol in each novel and explains what it represents. | Does not attempt to identify symbols. |