

June 2018

Dear AP English IV Student:

You have been assigned *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri, *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster, and the One Book, One School selection for this year.

All assignments must be uploaded to turnitin.com (Class ID = 18273592 and Enrollment Key = aplit) and Google Classroom (Class Code = lfrpdna) by the date indicated next to the assignment. All items should be typed in Times New Roman, size 12 font, and double-spaced. Please join our Remind Class also (text @bdc8kg) to receive reminders and updates, and to contact me with pressing questions regarding the assignments.

Assignments:

1. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster

- a. Answer the journal questions provided on Google Classroom. Your answers will let you practice literary analysis skills. If the question asks for an example from literature, you may use short stories, novels, plays, or films. Your responses should NOT be superficial, but in-depth with specific responses
- b. Type your journal responses using MLA formatted citations for quotes into Cornell Notes format (use the template posted on Google Classroom). I suggest keeping the journal responses on one CN doc for easy uploading and accessing. **DUE 8/17/18**

2. *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri

- a. As you read *The Namesake*, keep in mind what you've read in *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*. Pay attention to how you can apply what you've read from Foster's book to heighten your understanding and enrich your reading of the novel.
- b. Choose THREE chapters from *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* that you think apply to *The Namesake*, and analyze Lahiri's novel using the literary techniques you learned about in Foster's book. Discuss the application to the novel by using specific textual evidence from both books to support your interpretation.
 - i. Avoid listing or just "pointing out" information – you should analyze and look for the larger meaning created via the use of literary techniques (why or how is it important to the overall understanding or meaning of the novel?)
 - ii. You may organize your analysis in any way you choose, but it should be typed in MLA format and a minimum of 750 words. **DUE BEFORE 9/3/18**

Have a safe, fun summer! I look forward to your return to school in September.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gorman

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