

## AP LITERATURE SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2011 FOR JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL

Dear AP Literature Student,

Welcome to Advanced Placement Literature. In order to begin next year on the right level, we are giving three reading and writing assignments to be completed before the beginning of the school year.

**ASSIGNMENT 1:** Read *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. You may buy a copy of *Jane Eyre*, receive a school-issued copy, or borrow one from a public library. You should take notes on the novel, responding to the experiences of Jane and writing down any insights you gain about the novel during your reading. Furthermore, you should write down ten quotations (with accompanying page numbers) that you think are revealing about both Jane's character and the cultural attitudes of the other figures in the novel. Be sure to include in your quotations and your note-taking some of the specific differences in Jane's experiences at Gateshead, Lowood, Thornfield and Moore House.

**ASSIGNMENT 2:** Read *1984* by George Orwell. You may buy a copy of *1984*, receive a school-issued copy, or borrow one from a public library. You should take notes on the novel, responding to the experiences of Winston and writing down any insights you gain about the novel during your reading. Furthermore, you should write down ten quotations (with accompanying page numbers) that you think are revealing about both the totalitarian government and those efforts by characters ranging from Goldstein to Julia to Winston to undermine this oppression. Be sure to include in your quotations and your note-taking some of the slogans, examples of doublespeak, the roles of the thought police and telescreens, the outlook of the rebels, the O'Brien interrogation, and the betrayals of characters.

**ASSIGNMENT 3:** Read *Their Eyes Are Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. You may buy a copy of *Their Eyes Are Watching God*, receive a school-issued copy, or borrow one from a public library. You should take notes on the novel, responding to the experiences of Janie and writing down any insights you gain about the novel during your reading. Furthermore, you should write down ten quotations (with accompanying page numbers) that you think are revealing about both Janie's character and the cultural attitudes of the other figures in the novel. Be sure to include in your quotations and your note-taking some of the specific differences in Janie's experiences with Logan, Joe Starks, and Teacake. In addition, consider how the decision by Zora Neale Hurston to write in dialect affects the narrative.

When we return to school, we will provide overviews for *Jane Eyre*, *1984* and *Their Eyes Are Watching God* and respond to questions and concerns about your reading. After these opportunities have been offered, you will be administered evaluations in which you have to demonstrate your expertise and insights into these three works. Come back bright and prepared. We look forward to having you in our A.P. Literature classes.

Sincerely,

Michael Hartnett

Walter Kirby