



# AP Literature

HHS 2023-2024



## Summer Assignment for 2023-2024 Academic Year

Seniors:

Welcome to AP Literature and Composition! I'm really excited to have all of you in class, and I'm glad you made the decision to challenge yourselves with this course. Our course will focus on writing as well as reading and analyzing a variety of literature. It may be challenging at times and might require you to step out of your comfort zone, but the end results will be worth the effort.

To prepare us for the year, we need to be ready to hit the ground running on the first day. I have selected two novels that you will be required to read over the course of the summer. I am not going to require a reading log, annotations, notes, or paper (yet) that will go along with these novels. The objective is to have a common base that we can utilize to get started immediately. I encourage you to take notes on the novels, but they will be for your own benefit and class discussions, not a graded assignment.

The two novels are *The Odyssey* by Homer, and *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Both of these novels are available at the HHS main office for checkout. I would prefer with *The Odyssey* that you check out a copy from HHS due to the numerous translations available. I want to make sure we are all working with the same version. You have more freedom with *The Great Gatsby*.

In keeping with the course, there are five main areas that I would like you to examine as you read:

- Characters and Characterization
- Setting
- Structure
- Narration
- Figurative Language

We will talk about all of these with each novel, so be prepared to join in on the conversation with your own ideas.

I'm really excited about next year, and I hope you all are, too. Have a great summer, enjoy the novels, and I look forward to seeing you in the fall. Please email me if you have any questions at all.

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