

## 2017 Gifted Senior Literature Summer Assignment

Students, please read the novel and Foster reading guide listed as well as watch the listed film.

1. Novel: *Eaters of the Dead*, by Michael Crichton
2. Reading Guide: *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster
3. Film: *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*

### Assignment:

Students, you will need to complete this assignment after finishing the texts. The Foster book gives information on common analytical trends and tropes found throughout literature (and as a result – film). Please select five chapters from the Foster book and explain how they apply to *Eaters of the Dead* and then select five other chapters and explain how they apply to the *Pirates of the Caribbean*. You **may not** use the same chapter for both texts. Each text needs to have five chapters that are different from the other (10 total). You will write a short (200 word) explanation for how each of the chosen chapters applies to the text. Please keep in mind, these texts will be the basis for our class in regards to instruction, examples, and analysis, so please come prepared in August.

\*The Foster book's chapters are "bite size", so don't feel overwhelmed. Take them a little at a time, and you'll be fine. He has a relaxed style with lots of examples, and the chapters are short. I suggest reading the novel first, then reading the Foster book, and saving the film for last.