

AP Literature and Composition Summer Assignment – Summer 2017

Students, please read one of the listed novels in addition to the reading guide. You will also be asked to use children's books. The title and amount you use is up to you. Visit your library and see what all they have! Use these texts to complete the assignment.

1. Choose one of the following novels:
 - a. *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
 - b. *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
2. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster
3. Children's books – student's choice of title and amount, use as many as needed

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.

You will need to use 10 different chapters to analyze what you have read. You have two options.

- **The 5/5 Option:** Select five chapters from the Foster book and explain how they apply to either *The Poisonwood Bible* OR *Purple Hibiscus*. Then you will choose five other chapters from the Foster book and explain how they apply to any of the children's books you used (you can use the same children's book to address multiple Foster chapters). You may NOT use the same chapter for both the novel and the children's book. 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, including parenthetical citations for quotes and specific references.
- **The Perfect 10 Option:** Select ten chapters from the Foster book and explain how they apply to either *The Poisonwood Bible* OR *Purple Hibiscus*. You will write a short (200 word) explanation for how each of the chosen chapters applies to the text, including parenthetical citations for quotes and specific references. No repeated chapters.

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.

**Of course, you are expected to complete this assignment using your own precious mind. This is an individual assignment. Submitting someone else's work, in part or as a whole, is plagiarism and will be dealt with according to GHS policy. This is your teacher's first insight into your writing style and ability. Make that first impression count!

