

Gifted Senior Literature Summer Assignment

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

1. Novel: *War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells
2. Reading Guide: *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster
3. Film: *The Lego Movie*

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 *War of the Worlds* and then five other chapters and how they apply to the *The Lego Movie*. 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 the Foster book, and saving the film for last.

**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!

