

Summer 2015 11th Grade AICE English Literature Summer Reading

The summer reading texts assigned this summer are absolutely vital to your success in this course. This is not something we are going to throw away after the first day of school. These books will be a topic of discussion throughout the entire class. You are expected to complete all of this assignment and have it ready the first day of class. There will be a test on both within the first week of class. You are to read both of the following books and complete all four parts of the following assignment.

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Read the following 2 books:

The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri (Be sure to read the novel and not watch the movie version)
How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster

3 Part Assignment:

- I. Read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas Foster, and write a two page typed double-spaced essay (12 pt font) in which you apply the analysis techniques discussed in the book to a movie you view this summer.

The essay is due on or before August 10. Please submit directly to turnitin.com:

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It can be any movie, but it should be one you have viewed this summer. You may choose to watch the movie with the specific purpose of writing this paper, so you don't miss anything. Avoid films which are adaptations of books and consider selecting a film which has been nominated for or received awards such as Academy Awards (less quality movies will yield less to analyze or write about).

Great Movies for Analysis:

Casablanca (PG)

Castaway (PG-13)

The Dark Knight (PG-13)

Edward Scissorhands (PG-13)

Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Arc (PG)

Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope (PG)

True Grit (PG-13)

Up (PG)

Wall-E (G)

- II. Read *The Namesake* and *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* and annotate **both books** as follows. You will be turning in your books on the first day of class for a grade on your annotations. If you are unable to purchase the book and cannot write in

it as a result, you may use Post-It notes to fulfill this requirement. Your annotation will be graded based on completion and insightfulness.

What is annotation?

As you read, you are to underline, circle, and draw arrows connecting words and phrases, or whatever it takes to remind you later of your impressions. These annotations should include notes to yourself in the margins—

- asking questions – anything you don't understand or wonder about the book
- making observations
- defining new vocabulary words
- noting allusions
- responding to emotional or intellectual issues
- use post-it notes to flag important pages/passages

- III. Maintain detailed notes as you read *the Namesake*. These notes will be in preparation for a detailed and comprehensive test in the first week of class. You will be expected to know a general summary of all the events recounted.