

**AP English Literature & Composition (AP Eng III)**  
**Summer Reading 2022-23**  
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**Create a commonplace book!**

In addition to reading and **annotating** the following texts this summer, I am asking that you keep an interactive notebook where you record *personal responses* to inspirational lines and passages from *all* of the texts you read over the summer. Along with selected excerpts from your assigned summer reading, I encourage you to include the following:

- ❖ pen and ink sketches
- ❖ proverbs from wisdom literature of any tradition
- ❖ poetry
- ❖ allusions to Jesus' parables and teachings as they relate to the texts
- ❖ letters to the author

Your personal commonplace book---not unlike the commonplace books people kept during the Renaissance---will represent *you* and reveal the way in which *you* have made personal connections with Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, and William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*. Design and organization will be up to you, but I am expecting to see a composition notebook (or two) filled from cover to cover with entries that reflect a thoughtful engagement with each text. No digital copies of your commonplace book will be accepted. **\*Your grade will be based on your earnest and reflective engagement with each text. Please understand that this assignment will help me get to know you personally.**

**Readings: "Critical Approaches to Literature"**

**found in *The Art of the Short Story* -- Dana Gioia (ed.)**

- Formalist (879) Biographical (881-882) Historical (884-885)
- Psychological (887-888) Mythological (890-892) Sociological (892-893)
- Gender (895) Reader-Response (897-898)
- The Elements of Short Fiction (849-862)

***Frankenstein*** by Mary Shelley

For background information, please watch the following before you begin reading:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDgu25Dsv34>

**\*Please purchase a copy of the 1831 version of the text.**

***Animal Farm*** by George Orwell

For background information, please watch the following before you begin reading:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2iBW7XJ4c4>

***Lord of the Flies*** by William Golding

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnnZ6y1HPqI>