

AP Literature/College English Summer Reading Assignment 2024

Over the course of the summer, you are to read the play Hamlet by William Shakespeare and prepare to write an essay for the text when you return to school. You have been given a copy of the No Fear Shakespeare version of the play and, while we encourage you to try to tackle the text in the original Shakespearean language, you are allowed to read the play in the modern text to make sure that you are understanding all aspects of the play.

(Please note that, while it is ok to read the play in the modern text, when you are selecting quotes to use in your written response, you must use the Shakespearean language.) While you are reading, you should take notes on characters, themes, symbols, etc. and pay particular attention to areas of the play which will help you address the writing prompt. We have attached a document that gives more information on how to make annotations to help you determine what you should be making note of as you read. You cannot write in the book itself but feel free to use post-it notes or keep notes on a separate paper.

When you return to school, your teacher will collect the book and your notes on the first day of class. On the second day of class, the teacher will give your book and notes back to you and you will use them to write an essay about internal conflicts and how characters seem pulled in different directions.

You will receive two grades for the summer assignment to start the school year: a practice grade for the notes that you take in preparation for writing the essay and an assessment grade for the essay itself which will be hand-written within the class time allotted on the second day of class.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Dumouchelle (edumouchelle@daviestech.org) or Mr. Fox (mfox@daviestech.org). Happy reading!!!