

## AP English Literature and Composition Summer Assignments

To prepare for the beginning of class, you will need to complete several tasks.

**Task #1:** Your first task for the summer will be to complete the UC Personal Statement. This assignment will be used to assist you in your college application process and will help me to get an idea of your talent as a writer. Applicants are to respond to two questions using a total of 1000 words. The UC Personal Statement is due on **July 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**Task #2:** Your second task will be to complete the essential terms assignment. These terms will be used throughout the entire school year and you will be quizzed on them the first week of class and then periodically throughout the year. The definitions are due at the same time as the UC Personal Statement on **July 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**Task #3:** Your third task will be to read the novel A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving. If you do not have a copy of the novel, it is readily available in local libraries or bookstores. You will take a reading check quiz on the novel during the first week of class. At 600+ pages, this will take a bit of time to read. This novel will leave you alternately laughing and crying. When you finish the novel, you will select one of the two essay options to complete. These essay options are listed later in your packet. This assignment should be mailed, emailed, or dropped off by **August 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**Task #4:** Your fourth task will be to read biblical allusions. If you do not have a bible at home, I will provide a packet of reading. Reading these biblical allusions will be helpful while you read Prayer for Owen Meany. You will take a reading check quiz on the biblical allusions during the first week of class. This must be completed by the time you return for class on **August 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**Task #5:** Your fifth task will be to complete the AP Focused Reading Assignment. The purpose of this assignment is to give you an opportunity to broaden your reading experience while still focusing on a specific issue. You have been given a typical AP Essay question and a choice of two plays to read. You do not need to write the essay this summer because this assignment will be the basis for **your first timed essay** when we return to school in August.

**Task #6:** Your fifth task will be to complete a Reflection piece for A Prayer for Owen Meany. A reflection piece entails selecting a line or two or a specific incident from a work of literature and discussing its significance. Your reflection should be approx. 500 words. This will be collected as you walk in the door the first day of classes on **August 17<sup>th</sup>**.

In Summary, these are the assignments and their due dates:

- UC Personal Statement (**July 10<sup>th</sup>**)
- Essential Terms and examples (**July 10<sup>th</sup>**)
- Read A Prayer for Owen Meany (**August 7<sup>th</sup>**)
- Easy on A Prayer for Owen Meany (**August 7<sup>th</sup>**)
- Biblical Allusions read (**August 17<sup>th</sup>**)
- Complete Summer Focused Reading (**August 17<sup>th</sup>**)
- A Prayer for Owen Meany Reflection piece (**August 17<sup>th</sup>**)