

**AP Literature
Summer Reading
Morris Hills Regional School District**

About the course

The course is an intense, in-depth treatment of a number of works of prose and poetry as well as intense practice in writing. The course is intended for the dedicated student who loves literature and is willing to read and reread significant works in order to discover the intricacies of the authors' language and style in relation to character, plot, and theme.

Philosophy

The philosophy of the AP Literature course is that successful close reading strategies are most effectively practiced on a second read, particularly of challenging texts. Students commit themselves to the course and each other at the end of the preceding school year and read three major works over the summer. These are the main works that are covered during the school year. Some additional works will be read and analyzed, both as a class and independently.

Assigned Summer Reading:

Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte
Beloved, Toni Morrison
The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, Junot Diaz

Assessment:

Part I.

Using colored tabs (sticky notes), color-code each book as you read, marking moments in the text that reflect the following "big ideas":

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao -- Identity, Language
Beloved -- Memory, Evil
Jane Eyre -- Alienation, Beauty

Be sure that your tab is placed next to the intended section. Either in the text or on the tab comment on the significance of the designated passage in terms of character development, theme, point of view, symbolism or other literary devices.

Part II.

Will be administered in class in September.

*This assignment is in addition to the District Summer Reading Assignment.