

# YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

at Bruton High School



## 2017 Literary Arts Summer Assignment Synopsis

All summer reading assignments are posted under the School of the Arts link at the bottom of the YCSD Summer Reading Assignments page: [tinyurl.com/SOASummer](http://tinyurl.com/SOASummer). Reading annotation and pre-annotation assignments for each grade level are identical to Advanced English assignments at all YCSD schools, to be completed with the books listed below. If you have trouble using the YCSD templates on this page, feel free to create your own layout. In addition to these reading assignments, because SOA Advanced Literary Arts counts as two weighted courses in your schedule, all students will also complete the writing activities listed below.

### Advanced Literary Arts 9

- **READING PRE-ANNOTATION ASSIGNMENT** – Complete the YCSD English 9 Advanced summer reading annotation assignment for the books *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd and *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry.
- **WRITER'S JOURNAL** – Think of this journal as a springboard for your upcoming adventures in literature at School of the Arts. **Rather than simply record your daily experiences**, your writer's journal should include at least the following elements: 2 poems, brainstorming or a draft of a new story, a response to a favorite artwork, 2 short anecdotes recounting 2 of the most interesting events of your summer, a collection of quotes from your summer, and at least one sketch or photograph you take. This is a just a starting point for your journal—feel free to write more & create different elements to let us get to know who you are as a creative thinker.

### Advanced Literary Arts 10

- **READING ANNOTATION ASSIGNMENT** – Complete the YCSD English 10 Advanced summer reading annotation assignment for the books *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare and *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck.
- **WRITER'S JOURNAL** – As you navigate the waters of your summer break, take some time to keep your writing and thinking skills sharp for your adventures in Lit 10. Rather than simply record your daily experiences, your writer's journal should include the following elements: a summary of one weekly news item of international significance for at least 5 weeks (one each week being sure to note source and date of where you saw or heard the item); 2 original poems (only 1 may be a haiku); a response to a piece of artwork you see this summer; at least one original sketch or a photograph you take; an original short story or the plot diagram for an original story; and a letter introducing me to an original character that you can develop for the play you will write during the Lit 10 year. (Be sure to give me the specific background about your character: age, where from, appearance, education, profession, etc. Include at least one thing about your character that I could not tell by looking at him/her.) This is a just a starting point for your journal—feel free to write more & create different elements to let me get to know who you are as a creative thinker.

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## Advanced Literary Arts 11

- **READING ANNOTATION ASSIGNMENT** – Complete the YCSD English 11 Advanced Placement summer reading annotation assignment for the books Walden by Henry Thoreau and Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston.
- **WRITER'S JOURNAL** – Over the course of your summer, create five original short works of nonfiction. Each piece should contain a minimum of 250 words and demonstrate your creativity and powers of description. Possibilities include diary entries, anecdotes, letters, news articles, feature stories, rants, observations, sensory descriptions, essays, speeches—think outside the box and mix it up.

## Advanced Literary Arts 12

- **READING ANNOTATION ASSIGNMENT** – Complete the YCSD English 12 Advanced Placement summer reading annotation assignment for the books How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster, A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini, and Hamlet by William Shakespeare.
- **WRITER'S JOURNAL** – Rather than simply recording your daily experiences, your writer's journal should include the following elements: two original poems OR a first draft of a new story; responses to three of your favorite pieces of art; two short anecdotes recounting the most interesting events of your summer; a collection of at least ten quotes from your summer; at least one original sketch or photograph you take; five interesting news stories from the summer with a statement of personal reflection on each story; and the title and summary of one British novel written after 1950 that you think might be interesting to read. This is a just a starting point for your journal—feel free to write more & create different elements to let me get to know who you are as a creative thinker.

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