

To Students entering A.P. English 12:

Please read the following:

*Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen

*The Joy Luck Club*, Amy Tan

*Genesis*, Holy Bible, King James Version

Because each of these works will be discussed in-depth in class during the first two weeks of school, it is highly advised that you purchase personal copies of each text for purposes of class discussion. Reading each text carefully and closely will assist in both the writing of the corresponding essays and in the participation in class discussion. While the reading from Genesis will not be reflected on the written response, it will be applied throughout the year, so a careful reading is recommended.

*Required written response:*

The following assignment is due on the **first day** of your return to school. You need to submit a hard copy of the assignment in class and submit an electronic copy to turnitin.com. You will receive instructions on the first day of school for the turnitin.com submission.

Write ONE three to four page paper (double spaced, 1 inch margins, Times 12 point font, parenthetically cited in MLA format) that deals with both summer reading novels. The primary sources for the supportive detail should be the texts themselves and while there is not a minimum number of citations needed from the primary sources, be sure to include enough to thoroughly cover each work with regard to the prompt. Be sure that the essay follows the standard essay format (introduction with thesis, body and conclusion).

Prompt: The role of women in society is depicted in various ways by the authors of the summer reading novels. Write an essay in which you discuss the various ways women are depicted in both novels. Specifically focus on how the female characters in both novels demonstrate the role of women in society. Essay can deal with subject such as money, power, and marriage, or can deal with other facets of women in society.

Please pace yourself with this work and I look forward to seeing you in August.

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