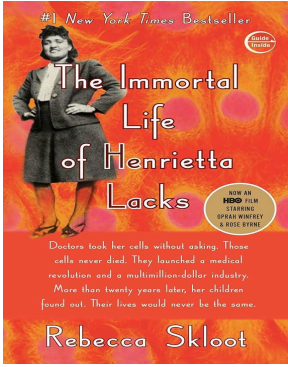
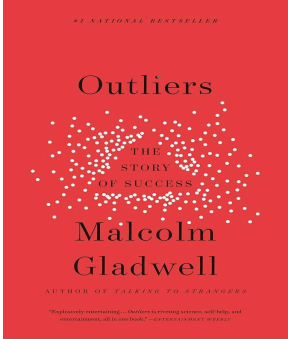


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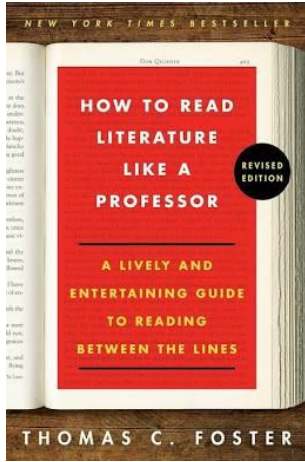
*AP English 11 and 12 will read the two books listed for that class over the summer. Students will be given a test in class during the first few weeks of school for both books.

*These are all books that you can find at your local library or on the Alabama Virtual Library. If you like having physical copies of the books, they can be found on Amazon, eBay, or bookstores. This option is normally inexpensive and comes free with that old library book smell that we all love!

*Have a safe, amazing summer, and happy reading! I look forward to discussing these titles with you in the fall!

AP English 11	
	<p>1. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot Henrietta Lacks was a poor African American woman who died of aggressive cervical cancer at a young age, but her immortal cells lived on today. Even though her cells were famous, most people didn't know of Henrietta and her family until recently. The use of HeLa cells has raised questions about privacy and ethics in cell donation. Test: August 21</p>
	<p>2. Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell Outliers explains why “the self-made man” is a myth and what truly lies behind the success of the best people in their field, which is often a series of lucky events, rare opportunities, and other external factors out of our control. Test: August 28</p>

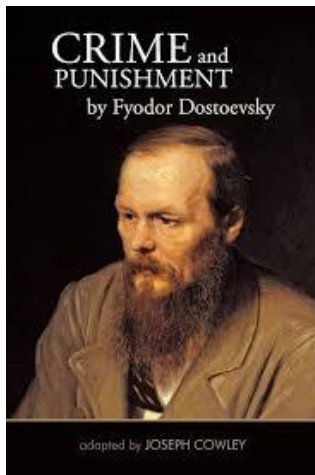
AP English 12



1. *How To Read Literature Like A Professor* by Thomas C. Foster First published in 2003, *How to Read Literature Like a Professor: A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines* by Thomas C. Foster is an instructional nonfiction text that helps people become more analytical readers. By examining common symbols, patterns, and references, Foster provides an entertaining guide on how to understand the deeper meaning within literary works.

As you read *How to Read Literature*, make one note card for each of the first 26 chapters. Your notecards should include key definitions, ideas, and/or quotes. The purpose of the index card is to limit what you write down so that you summarize and synthesize the information. You will turn in these notecards on August 21 as proof of effort.

Notecards due: August 21



2. *Crime and Punishment* is a classic novel by Fyodor Dostoevsky about an impoverished ex-student in 19th-century St. Petersburg, Rodion Raskolnikov, who murders an unscrupulous pawnbroker to prove his theory that extraordinary men are above the law. The novel explores his intense psychological torment, guilt, and paranoia following the crime, as he grapples with his conscience and the moral consequences, ultimately finding a path to redemption through suffering and confession, aided by the virtuous Sonya. It's a deep psychological and philosophical work examining morality, justice, and the human condition.

Test: August 28

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