

English III AP: Language and Composition

How to Read Literature Like a Professor by: Thomas C. Foster

What does it mean when a fictional hero takes a journey? Shares a meal? Gets drenched in a sudden rain shower? Often, more goes on within a novel or poem than visible on the surface -- a symbol, a theme, an unexpected twist, or a conflict -- and the deeper meaning of a literary text escapes the student.

In this practical and entertaining guide to literature, Thomas C. Foster shows how easy a person can unlock those hidden truths. A reader will discover a world where a road leads to a quest; a shared meal may signify a communion; and rain, whether cleansing or destructive, is never just rain. Ranging from universal themes, narrative devices, and specific forms, *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* represents the perfect companion for making one's reading experience more enriching and enlightening (goodreads.com).

In preparation for close reading of the literature, please read and evaluate each chapter based on the categories listed below. Place your notes and ideas within a chart.

Chapters	Key Points	Text/Person Connection (How do you Personally connect with the concepts?)	Text/Text Connection (What other text do you find with a similar idea?)
1	* * *	Explanation:	Example: Explain:
2	* * *	Explanation:	Example: Explain:
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