

AP Literature Summer Assignment

Assigned work due on Day 1 of class

“Any fish can swim near the surface, but it takes a great whale to go down stairs five miles or more.”

---Herman Melville

- 📖 I'd like you to read some passages from of any version of the Bible and complete the attached note guide and bring it to Day 1 of class. Regardless of your religious beliefs, the stories of the Bible are woven into most of Western literature. This is critical background to meaningful literary analysis. Biblical allusions and symbolism are in much of the literature we will study. Bibles are pretty easy to come by and available online as well.
- 📖 We won't have much time for creative writing, but a creative voice is important in writing. Fun is also essential in learning. So, I'd like you write a short story or poem (i.e. work of fiction shorter than a novel) that is a reflection of your reading of the Bible. Take a character or verse or story as your inspiration. Have fun with this! Remember, I'm looking for your creative spirit here, not an analytic work.
- 📖 Read Chapters 7 and 14 of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas Foster. I recommend that you purchase or borrow this. It's really great stuff that will help you make your way through challenging literature. (For copyright reasons, I can't attach this file.)
- 📖 Optional: If you want to get ahead a bit, bone up on your Greek mythology, also a great source of allusion in literature. Bullfinch or Edith Hamilton are the definitive authors but you can use any resource.
- 📖 Questions? E-mail me at ebblackwood@stanwood.wednet.edu

Looking forward to seeing you in September!



| Passage | Location | What's the Big Idea? Summary/Connections/ or write down a noteworthy phrase |
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| OLD TESTAMENT Creation Story: Fall of Man | Genesis 1, 2, and 3 | |
| Cain and Abel | Genesis 4:1-16 | |
| The Flood | Genesis 6:9-25 | |
| Tower of Babel | Genesis 11:1-9 | |
| The Call of Abram | Genesis 12:1-8 | |
| Hagar and Ishmael | Genesis 16:1-16 | |
| Lot's Wife | Genesis 19:23-26 | |
| Birth of Isaac/Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away | Genesis 21:1-20 | |
| Jacob and Esau | Genesis 25:19-34 | |
| Birth of Moses | Exodus 2:1-10 | |

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| The Passover and Exodus | Exodus 12:1-42 | |
| Crossing the Sea | Exodus 13:5-31 | |
| The Ten Commandments | Exodus 20:1-17; also Deuteronomy 5:6-21 | |
| Golden Calf | Exodus 32 | |
| Scapegoat | Leviticus 16:8-10 | |
| David and Goliath | I Samuel 17 | |
| King Solomon's Wisdom | I Kings 3 | |
| The Lord is My Shepherd | Psalms 23 | |
| The Handwriting on the Wall | Daniel 5 | |
| Daniel in the Lion's Den | Daniel 6 | |
| Patience of Job | Job 1, 2, 3: 40, 41, 42 | |
| NEW TESTAMENT Birth of Jesus | Luke 2:1-20 | |

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| The Beatitudes | Matthew 5:1-12 | |
| Fall of a Sparrow | Matthew 10:27-31 | |
| John the Baptist's Head on a Platter | Matthew 14:1-12 | |
| Rich Man/Camel/ Eye of a Needle | Matthew 19:16-26 | |
| The Least of These | Matthew 25:31-46 | |
| Judas/Silver Coins | Matthew 26:14-16 | |
| The Last Supper | Matthew 26:17-30 | |
| Gethsemane | Matthew 26:36-46 | |
| The Arrest and Trial | Matthew 26:47-75 | |
| The Crucifixion, Death, and Burial | Matthew 27:32-66 | |
| The Resurrection | Matthew 28 | |

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| Blind Leading the Blind | Luke 6:39-42 | |
| Parable of the Soils | Luke 8:4-15 | |
| The Good Samaritan | Luke 10:29-37 | |
| Parable of the Lost Sheep | Luke 15:1-7 | |
| The Prodigal Son | Luke 15:11-22 | |
| Render Under Caesar | Luke 20:19-26 | |
| Lazarus | John 11 | |
| The Throne of Heaven | Revelation 4 | |
| Four Horseman of the Apocalypse | Revelation 6:1-8 | |
| The New Jerusalem | Revelation 21 | |
| The River of Life | Revelation 22 | |