

# 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 [eblackwood@stanwood.wednet.edu](mailto:eblackwood@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
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	

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	
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	

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	