

Dual Enrollment and AP Literature Summer Reading 12th Grade

What follows is the first assignment for your AP Literature class or Dual Enrollment class. If you have any questions over the summer, please feel free to email me at adorsey118@yahoo.com.

Looking forward to seeing you in August!

Dr. Dorsey

Please obtain a copy of Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison. Read it carefully and be prepared to take a quiz over it the first day of school and turn in your assignments that are listed below.

Assignment 1: Examine the text for the following allusions. Be sure to come to class with a list of these allusions, who/what they are, and why they are significant to the novel.

Biblical References

- Old Testament, *Song of Songs*
- Reba
- Pilate
- Hagar
- First Corinthians
- Magdalene called Lena
- Ruth
- Solomon
- Jake/Jacob

Mythological and Folklore References

- Circe
- Hansel and Gretel

Historical References

- Abraham Lincoln
- Malcolm X
- General Robert E. Lee

- Mary Todd
- Ulysses S. Grant
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- John F. Kennedy
- Winnie Ruth Judd

Assignment 2: For each of the topics/themes/motifs below, find 5 examples in the text. Identify the passage with appropriate page numbers and enough of the quote for context (you may annotate in the book if you own the book-I use different color highlighters or sticky notes to follow a motif throughout a book), then explain how the topic is used / represented in the passage and its significance. Then, after the fifth explanation, you need to explain how the topic / concept functions in the novel as a whole.

1. Significance of names / naming.
2. The motif of flying
3. The theme of alienating effects of racism
4. Importance of singing