

ISPA Summer Reading 2024 AP English Literature and Composition

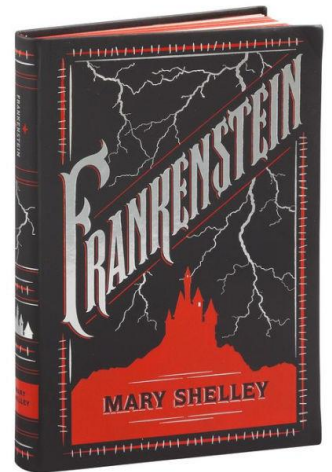
Congratulations on registering for AP Literature and Composition for the 2024 school year! This is a rigorous, college-level course that consists of close-reading, analyzing, and writing about texts. To prepare for the course, please complete the **two novels** listed below.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT BOOK #1:

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

The first week of school, you will be given an in-depth multiple-choice test on this novel. The exam will focus on **details**; so, you must truly know the characters and plot. Pay attention to the following:

1. Passages that describe the characters Victor Frankenstein, the monster, Captain Walton, Henry Clerval, and Elizabeth Lavenza
2. Passages that describe the settings – Antarctica, Mt. Blanc, the cottage, and Ingolstadt
3. Passages that depict important moments of the plot, specifically the climax
4. Passages that incorporate aspects of the literary movement Romanticism
5. Passages that explain the theme, or lesson, of the text



FOR THE TEST, YOU CAN HAVE YOUR ANNOTATED NOVEL OR HANDWRITTEN NOTES; ANY DIGITAL NOTES OR TYPED NOTES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED FOR THE EXAM.

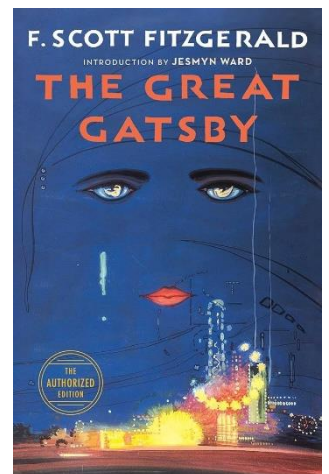
By the second week of school, we will analyze and write essays on this novel. *I cannot stress the need to thoroughly read and analyze this book.*

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT BOOK #2:

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The 2nd nine weeks, you will be given an in-depth multiple-choice test on this novel. The exam will focus on **details and the skills taught in class**; so, you must truly know the characters and plot to be able to apply the knowledge garnered during class discussions. Pay attention to the following:

1. Passages that describe the characters Daisy, Gatsby, Nick, Tom, and Myrtle
2. Passages that describe the settings – West Egg, East Egg, and the Valley of Ashes



3. Passages that depict important moments of the plot, specifically the climax
4. Passages that incorporate aspects of the literary movement of Modernism (American Modernism)
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If you want to get ahead...

Senior year is difficult since students are juggling with AP and/or Dual Enrollment classes, college applications, and Senior Activities. AP Literature courses naturally have a lot of reading. If you want, start reading and annotating Chinua Achebe's novel, Things Fall Apart, this summer; it will make Senior year much easier.

We will read Things Fall Apart in December/January.

