

# *How To Read Literature Like a Professor*

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We will use Foster's book for discussion in AP Lit, until we have discussed the entire book. You and a partner will be assigned a presentation of the ideas in a chapter. After we have drawn for chapters, feel free to swap chapters, should you wish. However, you must tell me by the end of the first week of school.

Assignment:

1. Present the main ideas in the chapter. You may present these ideas using whatever form you prefer: Keynote, PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.

2. Illustrate the ideas from the chapter with examples from your common reading over the last three years of high school or other classic literature you have read (picture of book cover from Amazon, or a more symbolic picture from a creative search. Be prepared to explain/discuss.

3. Illustrate the ideas from the chapter with examples from film/popular culture (YouTube clip, or picture from book, movie, TV series, etc.) Be prepared to explain/discuss.

| Chapters  | Date        | Student       |
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| Introduction/How Did He Do That?  | August 27   | ALL           |
| 1. Every Trip is a Quest (Except When It's Not)<br>2. Nice to Eat With You: Acts of Communion | August 27   | Mrs. Carbaugh |
| 3. Nice to Eat You: Acts of Vampires<br>4. If It's a Square, It's a Sonnet                    | August 29   |               |
| 5. Now, Where Have I Seen Her Before?<br>6. When in Doubt, It's From Shakespeare...           | August 29   |               |
| 7. ...Or the Bible<br>8. Hansel and Gretel  | September 3 |               |
| 9. It's Greek to Me<br>10. It's More Than Just Rain or Snow                                   | September 3 |               |
| Interlude   | September 5 | ALL           |
| 11. ...More Than It's Gonna Hurt You: Concerning Violence<br>12. Is That a Symbol?            | September 5 |               |
| 13. It's All Political  | September 5 |               |

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| 14. Yes, She's a Christ Figure, Too                                    |              |     |
| 15. Flights of Fancy<br>16. It's All About Sex...                      | September 8  |     |
| 17. ...Except Sex<br>18. If She Comes Up, It's a Baptism               | September 8  |     |
| 19. Geography Matters...<br>20. ...So Does Season                      | September 10 |     |
| Interlude<br>One Story   | September 10 | ALL |
| 21. Marked for Greatness<br>22. He's Blind For a Reason, You Know      | September 10 |     |
| 23. It's Never Just Heart Disease...<br>24. ...And Rarely Just Illness | September 12 |     |
| 25. Don't Read with Your Eyes<br>26. Is He Serious? And Other Ironies  | September 12 |     |
| 27. A Test Case  | September 15 | ALL |