

**Summer Preparation
Advanced Placement English Literature
Ms Brady**

Next year promises to be a rewarding and challenging one. The following reading is designed to aid you in handling the curriculum. As the course description notes, this is a college level course that requires intensive preparation and engagement. Therefore, the more tools you bring to this task at the beginning, the more easily you can achieve the designated goals and objectives with facility and grace.

Novel to Read:

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Literature should be approached differently from other types of reading material because it contains many facets, which need attention such as theme, setting, mood and characterization. Pay particular attention to the narrative strategy in Jane Eyre, which we will be discussing.

Text to review:

Elements of Writing

Study chapters Ten and Eleven:

Writing about Literature and Writing a Research Paper

Review Chapters 17 to 32

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics

A certain language competence is assumed when entering any English AP or honors course. Therefore, it would be best for you to spend some time reviewing any weaknesses you may have in the area of grammar, mechanics, usage and style. A certain stylistic sophistication will be expected in the writing of both prepared papers and timed essays. If you have difficulty producing Standard English prose, it will only impede your progress.

When we return, you will be expected to write a paper on Jane Eyre utilizing the norms presented in the Elements of Writing textbook including the directives about literary discussion.

Textbooks can be obtained at the school office.