

8th Summer Reading Annotation Packet

STUDENTS: You will be using the strategies in this book to analyze literature throughout the year. Please make sure you understand the concepts covered in this book.

**This packet is intended to be completed over the summer as student enrichment and introduction for 8th grade ELA honors IB program. **

All summer reading will be due and graded the first week of school. You will be responsible for demonstrating your knowledge through analyzing a short story the first week of school.

Required Reading Book: *How To Read Literature Like A Professor For Kids* by Thomas C. Foster (Available to order through Amazon, or download an Online PDF:

[How to Read Literature for Kids PDF](#)

As you read, answer the following questions:

*Chapter 1: **The Quest**

List the 5 things that identify a quest:

- 1) _____ 2) _____
- 3) _____ 4) _____
- 5) _____

*Chapter 2: **Acts of Communion**

According to this book, what identifies a communion?

In literature, what is a communion trying to show the reader?

What is a positive communion sign?

What is a negative communion sign?

* Chapter 3: **Acts of Vampires**

Ghosts and vampires are never about ghosts and vampires.

What are the 3 things that vampires symbolize? (Pg 19)

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____

*Chapter 4: **If it's Square, It's a Sonnet**

What makes a sonnet square?

Define a Petrarchan Sonnet:

Define a Shakespearean Sonnet:

*Chapter 5: **Where Have I Seen Him Before?**

Give a detailed explanation of what the author means when he states. "There's no such thing as a completely original work of literature" and "there's only one story." Your answer should be in paragraph form, using complete sentences.

*Chapter 6: **When in Doubt, it's from Shakespeare**

Research everyday phrases that can be attributed to Shakespeare. There are a bunch! Add 5 of your favorites that are NOT listed on page 33 below:

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

5) _____

*Chapter 7: Allusions in this chapter will be discussed in class as warranted

Chapter 8: **Hansel and Gretel**

Name three (3) books or movies that you recognize as a retelling of a fairy tale:

Fairy tale...	..retold as (book or movie)
1) _____	_____
2) _____	_____
3) _____	_____

*Chapter 9: **It's Greek to Me**

Why are myths an important connection to literature? Craft a one paragraph response after reading chapter 9

*Chapter 10: **It's Never Just Rain...**

List several things that symbolize rain: _____

List the things that can symbolize snow: _____

List the things that can symbolize winter: _____

List the things that can symbolize spring: _____

List the things that can symbolize summer: _____

List the things that can symbolize fall: _____

*Chapter 11: **Is that a Symbol?**

True or False: You can interpret things to mean a symbol any way you want, as long as you can justify it in the text. _____

*Chapter 12: **It's All Political**

How does this author define "political" when analyzing literature?

*Chapter 13: **Geography Matters**

Geography in literature is more than setting. What other parts of the story can geography help you understand?

*Interlude: **One Story**

Explain the theory of "One story"

What is intertextuality?

What is archetype?

*Chapter 14: **Marked for Greatness**

In literature, a hero who is different on the outside is a metaphor for

*Chapter 15: **He's Blind for a Reason, You Know**

What is the purpose of a blind character in literature? _____

***Chapter 16: It's never Just Heart Disease...**

What does a heart symbolize in literature? _____

What are the three hallmarks of a literary disease?

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____

Chapter 17: Don't Read With Your Eyes

...read through the eyes of the characters in the story. Why is this important?

Chapter 18: Is he Serious? And Other Ironies

What is irony? _____

Why should you pay attention to irony? _____

Practice What You Have learned: Read the three short stories from the chart below and read literature like a professor! *Short stories taken from MCPSS grade 8 textbook

<p>“The Medicine Bag” by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve</p> <p>The Medicine Bag Link</p>	<p>“The Winter Hibiscus” by Minfong Ho</p> <p>The Winter Hibiscus Link</p>	<p>“Icarus and Daedalus”- Greek Mythology</p> <p>icarus and Daedalus link</p>
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Use the organizers on the following pages to help you analyze the stories.

Title: "The Medicine Bag Author: Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

Fill in all of the items that are present in the story you read. Your story might not have every element of analyzing literature, but you need to be thorough in your analysis. Read each story several times to make sure you understand it. See? You are reading literature like a professor!

Quest: _____

Vampire: _____

Communion: _____

This story reminds me of another story I've read: _____

Because _____

Shakespeare connections: _____

Weather/ Seasons: _____

Politics: _____

Geography _____

Disability/ illness/blindness: _____

Irony _____

Moral of the story? _____

Analyze your story below:

Title: **"The Winter Hibiscus"** Author: **Minfong Ho**

Fill in all of the items that are present in the story you read. Your story might not have every element, but you need to be thorough in your analysis. See? You are reading literature like a professor!

Quest: _____

Vampire: _____

Communion: _____

This story reminds me of another story I've read: _____

Because _____

Shakespeare connections: _____

Weather/ Seasons: _____

Politics: _____

Geography _____

Disability/illness/blindness:: _____

Irony _____

Moral of the story? _____

Analyze your story below:

Title: **Icarus and Daedalus** Author: **Greek Mythology**

Fill in all of the items that are present in the story you read. Your story might not have every element, but you need to be thorough in your analysis. See? You are reading literature like a professor!

Quest: _____

Vampire: _____

Communion: _____

This story reminds me of another story I've read: _____

Because _____

Shakespeare connections: _____

Weather/ Seasons: _____

Politics: _____

Geography _____

Disability/illness/blindness:: _____

Irony _____

Moral of the story? _____

Analyze your story below:

