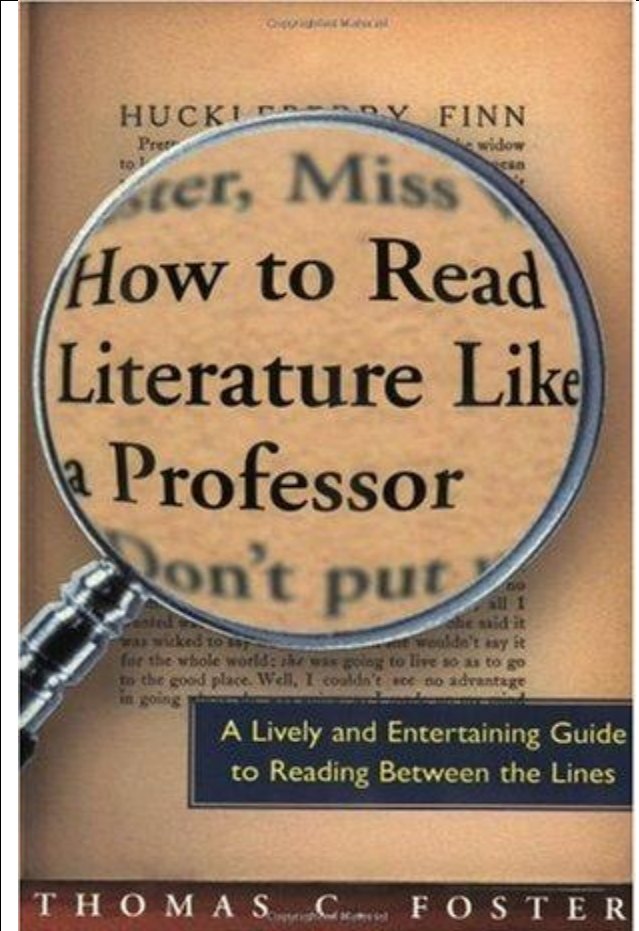


IB English HLA1

Summer Reading Assignment

Students intending to take IB English HLA1 next year with Mr. Thompson or Ms. Thackeray should read Thomas C. Foster's *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* (2003) over the summer break. You should actively read and annotate the text while making connections with the literature you have already read in your academic careers. Be ready to write on some of the major elements discussed in the book when you come to the first class in August!

	<p>What does it mean when a fictional hero takes a journey? Shares a meal? Gets drenched in a sudden rain shower? Often, there is much more going on in a novel or poem than is readily visible on the surface—a symbol, maybe, that remains elusive, or an unexpected twist on a character—and there's that sneaking suspicion that the deeper meaning of a literary text keeps escaping you.</p> <p>In this practical and amusing guide to literature, Thomas C. Foster shows how easy and gratifying it is to unlock those hidden truths, and to discover a world where a road leads to a quest; a shared meal may signify a communion; and rain, whether cleansing or destructive, is never just rain. Ranging from major themes to literary models, narrative devices, and form, <i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor</i> is the perfect companion for making your reading experience more enriching, satisfying, and fun.</p>
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