AP Literature Summer Reading Assignment 2019

Readings

1. Adequate cultural literacy includes familiarity with Biblical allusion. Thus, knowledge of the characters and stories contained in the Bible will add appreciably to the enjoyment and understanding of good literature. It is highly recommended that you read the following suggested books of the Bible to familiarize yourself with the following characters, situations, places, etc. You may, however, consult sources such as the Dictionary of Classical, Biblical and Literary Allusions or do your research online.

Please create a handwritten or typed document including a significant description of the following characters, situations, places, etc., to be used on a test that will occur within the first week.

*Old Testament:* The books of Genesis, Judges, Kings, Samuel, Job, Daniel, Ruth and Exodus

   - The Garden of Eden
   - Cain and Abel
   - Noah and the Flood
   - The Tower of Babel
   - The Destruction of Sodom
   - Abraham and Isaac
   - Jacob’s Dream
   - Jacob and Isaac
   - Rachel and Leah
   - Joseph and his Brothers
   - Joseph in Egypt
   - The Marriage of Isaac
   - David and Goliath
   - Absalom’s Rebellion
   - David and Jonathon
   - David and Bath-Sheba
   - Samson and the Philistines
   - Solomon’s Wisdom
   - Solomon’s Temple
   - The Queen of Sheba
   - Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream
   - Daniel and the Lion’s Den
   - The Fiery Furnace
   - The Writing on the Wall
   - Rescue of the child Moses
   - The Passage of the Red Sea
   - The Burning Bush
   - The Plagues of Egypt
   - Golden calf

Christ (Jesus)
Joseph
Mary
The Nativity
The Magi (Three Wise Men)
Herod
John the Baptist
Salome
The Sermon on the Mount
Apostles: Matthew, Peter, Judas Iscariot, Thomas, John
Parables: The Good Samaritan, The Prodigal Son
Transfiguration
Miracles: Wedding at Cana, Lazarus
Mary Magdalene
Mary and Martha
Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes
Whited Sepulcher
Palm Sunday
Garden of Gethsemane
The Last Supper
Pilate
Barrabas
Crucifixion
Golgotha
Pentecost
Conversion of Saul
Philippian Jailer
Babylon
Armageddon
Judgment Day
New Jerusalem
Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse
Second Coming
“Thief in the Night”
Fire and Brimstone
Camel through a needle’s eye
The sower
The talents
The loaves and fishes
“Fall of a sparrow”
Alpha and Omega
Antichrist
2. Below you will find listed the titles and authors of 20 novels and plays. Please select one text. If you are unable to purchase the book or locate one in a public library, you can choose to read the Shakespearian play *King Lear* online at [www.shakespeare.online](http://www.shakespeare.online). Please be advised that some of these novels and plays contain mature content.

**Assignment:**

Respond to the following prompt in an essay of 750-1000 words. Use ample textual support and MLA format.

*A symbol is an object, action or event that represents something or that creates a range of associations beyond itself. In literary works a symbol can express an idea, clarify meaning, or enlarge literal meaning. **Focus on one symbol** that appears more than once and analyze how that symbol functions in the work and what it reveals about the characters through an original thematic interpretation of the work as a whole.*

**Novel/Play List**

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