

12 AP English Literature and Composition Summer Assignments

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You must complete all assignments in their entirety before the start of school. Your assignments include: reading three novels in their entirety, completing essential reading journal entries, and writing a 700 word literary analysis essay.

Read: *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë ([pdf LINK](#))

Complete a **reading journal** for all chapters of the novel: [Jane Eyre Reading Journal LINK](#)

Read: *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens ([pdf LINK](#))

Complete a **reading journal** for all chapters of the novel: [Great Expectations Reading Journal LINK](#)

Read: One novel from the following list provided by the College Board: [Novel List LINK](#)

Write a 700 word (typed) essay answering the following prompt:

In many works of literature, characters who have been away from home return and find that they no longer have the same feelings about home as they once did. As novelist James Agee writes in *A Death In the Family*, "You can go home, it's good to go home, but you never really get all the way home again in your life."

Choose a work of fiction (novel of your choice from the [Novel List](#)) in which a character's return home is problematic: "home" is not what it once was perceived to be. Then, in a well-written essay, analyze how the character's response to his or her "home" contributes to an interpretation of the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot.

Both reading journals and the 700 word essay are DUE on the first day of school. Be prepared for assessments on *Jane Eyre* and *Great Expectations* during the first week of school as well.