

LAWTON CHILES HIGH SCHOOL
Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition

Required Summer Reading Assignment—2020

Welcome to Advanced Placement Literature and Composition. This course requires you to read, analyze, and discuss literature in depth and to write about literature in a manner that demonstrates knowledge and critical thinking abilities across various literary genres. The works listed below should be available at local libraries, but we encourage you to obtain a personal copy that will allow you to highlight and write in the works as you desire. **We will be using hard copies (not electronic copies) of both works listed below.**

LITERARY WORKS

Read both works listed below and complete the note-taking assignment. [Notes on these novels are to be handwritten and in your own words—no notes from other sources except where noted; 3-5 pgs. min. for each novel.] Due date for notes: the first day of class.

1. Novel: *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus* by Mary Shelley

Notes must include the following:

- list of characters with descriptions
- plot summary (min: 150 words)
- characteristics of Romanticism (provide source)
- characteristics of Gothic literature (provide source)
- definition of a frame narrative (provide source)/explanation of the device in this novel (with textual examples/support)
- themes (**in sentence form**) with direct quotations for support

2. Short story: “A&P” by John Updike

Rewrite the short story from two new perspectives: a third-person narrative and a character of your choice. (Min: 300 words each). Be prepared to explain, with specific examples, how changing the perspective changes our understanding/analysis of the text.