

**AP LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION: SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT FALL 2024**

***Assignment #1 - Grendel Summer Reading Assignment***

1. Go to the attached link to read a synopsis of the Anglo-Saxon epic poem, *Beowulf*  
<https://www.coursehero.com/lit/Beowulf/plot-summary/>
2. Look up and provide a brief description of each of the following philosophies:
  - a. Nihilism
  - b. Solipsism
  - c. Existentialism
  - d. Empiricism
  - e. Dialectical Materialism (Marxism)
  - f. Utilitarianism

*\*All of these philosophies will be accessible via Google search – Just use a trustworthy site!*
3. As you read the novel *Grendel*, annotate for any evidence of the above philosophies.
4. After reading the novel, complete the attached chart in which you will identify specific passages that you found that allude to or reflect the appropriate philosophy.
5. You should have a minimum of **two quotes** per philosophy. Add additional boxes to the chart as needed.
6. NOTE: The use of AI generated writing will be considered academic dishonesty, and all work will be submitted through Turnitin.com which detects the use of such programs.

**Philosophies in Grendel**

<b>Philosophy</b>	<b>Quote</b>	<b>Context</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Nihilism			
Solipsism			
Existentialism			
Empiricism			
Marxism			
Utilitarianism			

**Assignment #2 – Oryx and Crake as Dystopian Fiction**

As you read *Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood, annotate the text for the following elements. Then, for EACH of the elements below, provide **3 pieces of text evidence** that demonstrates the element and **write a brief (2-3 sentences) analysis** of how the quotes you select serve as an example of the chosen element.

1. Satirical elements
2. Dystopian elements
3. Symbolism and motifs

You will write a paper on the novel sometime during the first week back at school, and your annotations will be due on the first day of class.

### **Assignment #3 – Post - Secondary Options Packet for the Counseling Office**

This assignment is geared toward helping you to possess a comprehensive tool that will assist you, teachers, and counselors in preparing you for any college or post-secondary requirement.

Go to [www.waltonhigh.org](http://www.waltonhigh.org)

Go to Departments

Go to School Counseling

Go to Class of 2025 tab

Scroll down on that page and locate the Post-Secondary Question Packet

**Complete the packet and email it to your counselor on or before the first day of school.**

OPTIONAL ---Complete a teacher recommendation page for each teacher you are asking to write a letter of recommendation for you.

**Note:** Your recommenders will be using this packet to write YOUR letters of recommendation. The more time, thought, and insight you spend on your responses, the more details your recommenders can include in their letters.