



**2011-2012 Summer Assignment – CGS AP World Literature and Composition
Students entering Grade 12
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Reading Requirement:

Crime and Punishment*, by Fyodor Dostoevsky

*Please purchase the Penguin Classic ISBN: 978-0-14-044913-6

You will keep a journal of your reading as a reference for discussion purposes at the start of the school year. Journal entries are framed by commentary, personal analysis, and inquiry. You are asked to seek literary criticism for support to include in your journal. The journal is considered an extensive, intense dialog with the text. Avoid online notes because, frankly, they are misleading and mostly shallow – but more importantly, they are not a substitution for your motivation and inquisitiveness that will deepen your ability to discern an author’s purpose. Journals will be submitted for formal assessment upon completion of our discussion of the novel. But be aware, you must submit your journals on the first day of class for my perusal – I need to know how dedicated and sincere you are in your quest for knowledge. As a rule of thumb, provide an entry for approximately every 50 pages or so.

I highly recommend you read How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster – highly entertaining and informative; and The Elements of Style by Strunk and White, latest edition – a great resource for improving your writing.

Have a wonderful summer. I look forward to an exciting, meaningful, and challenging year with you. If you have any questions, please email me at the above address.