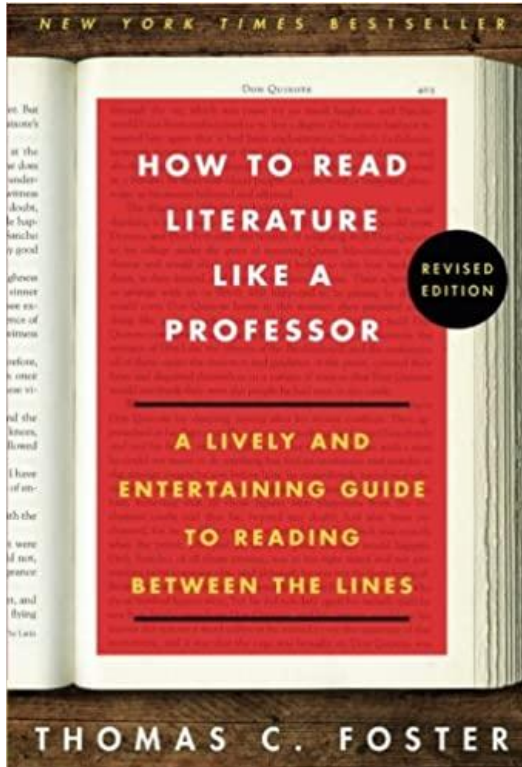


# English 4 Honors and College Prep *Summer Reading 2024*



## REQUIRED READING OF ALL STUDENTS:

### *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster

A lively and entertaining introduction to literature and literary basics, including symbols, themes and contexts, that shows you how to make your everyday reading experience more rewarding and enjoyable.

While many books can be enjoyed for their basic stories, there are often deeper literary meanings interwoven in these texts. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* helps us to discover those hidden truths by looking at literature with the eyes—and the literary codes—of the ultimate professional reader, the college professor.

What does it mean when a literary hero is traveling along a dusty road? When he hands a drink to his

companion? When he's drenched in a sudden rain shower?

Ranging from major themes to literary models, narrative devices and form, Thomas C. Foster provides us with a broad overview of literature—a world where a road leads to a quest, a shared meal may signify a communion, and rain, whether cleansing or destructive, is never just a shower—and shows us how to make our reading experience more enriching, satisfying, and fun.

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**Important Note to Students and Parents/Guardians:** There is a revised edition to this book- students may read either the 1st or revised editions. This book is available from the Charleston County Public Library, local bookstores, and many online retailers. The first edition is available online for free here: [How To Read Literature Like a Professor](#)

**Assignment:** Students are expected to read this book very carefully, going back and rereading as necessary to understand the lessons addressed in each chapter. We will refer to it often during the school year. For an initial assessment, students will take a quiz over the book on the second day of class.

