

AP English Literature and Composition
Summer Work 2011-2012 School Year

****Robert Di Yanni *Literature: Reading Fiction, Poetry, and Drama***
5th or 6th Edition

You may find a copy for purchase online (preferably not the paperback version) or you may contact past students to purchase copies.

******East of Eden*-John Steinbeck**

You may find used copies of this novel at local bookstores.

Assignment: A character sketch of at least four important/main characters

Your work should include the following aspects:

strong mental image of what each character is like (not just physical)

how each character talks and interacts with other characters

each character's way of doing things

each character's value system as evidenced through actions, interactions, thoughts

symbolic images in the novel that represent beliefs/character traits

changes in each characters for those who are round and dynamic

quotes, specific scenes, dialogue for support

Format:

You may select the format for your assignment. Ultimately, it should be a resource for you; however, I will need to be able to look at it and make sense of it.

This will provide you a resource to help jog your memory for class discussion and writing in case you read the novel early in the summer.

Please plan to come to school with these materials and the assignment.

*****I encourage you to work with others over the course of the summer. This will lighten your load and will increase understanding. Resist the temptation to simply use spark notes or other "easy" methods. I, too, have access to those materials, and I want you to work with the authentic language rather than an abridged version.**

All of this information about the class and other AP courses should be posted on the LHS AP website. For further clarification, check that site or contact me at caroline.linville@thompsonschoools.org

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