

**Mr. O'Mara**

**AP Literature Summer Readings and Assignments:**

These readings are assigned at the end of the previous year and designed primarily to provide material for prewriting for early essays.

- (1) Read Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. Summarize (what happened?) and respond (what are your feelings, questions, predictions, etc...?) in a paragraph or two for each chapter.
- (2) Read Tennyson's Idylls of the King. Read the entire poem, and write a summary/response (one brief paragraph in total) for each section.
- (3) Choose **one** book from the following list. Read them, briefly annotating as you read.

The Catcher in the Rye

By: J.D. Salinger

Nine Stories

By: J.D. Salinger

The Secret Life of Bees

By: Sue Monk Kidd

Ordinary People

By: Judith Guest

The Alchemist

By: Paulo Coelho

Life of Pi

By: Yann Martel

Angela's Ashes

By: Frank McCourt

How to Read Literature Like a Professor

By: Thomas C. Foster

The Joy Luck Club

By: Amy Tan

Annie John

By: Jamaica Kincaid

- (4) You will write an essay on one or more of the summer reading books and/or take quizzes on them. You have enough work to do on Tennyson and Shelley. For the other "choice" book, prepare a detailed outline for essay writing. This outline should be in MLA form and should be based on the analysis of themes, characterization, or symbolism found in the chosen book.

**COMPLETED ASSIGNMENT DUE MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2010 IN HOMEROOM.**