**Rockbridge County High School**

**English 112/English Dual Enrollment**

English 112 - College Composition II focuses on writing about literature. To be a good writer, you must also be a good reader, reading carefully and analytically in order to have something to say. In order to be successful in this class, you will need a high level of commitment and responsibility. You will complete multiple projects and essays, including 20-25 pages of revised, polished writing by the end of the course. You will be expected to annotate and analyze, not just skim, your reading assignments, and you will be expected to participate regularly in class discussions. Success in this class will require time and diligence, but you will be rewarded with improvement in both your reading and your writing skills.

**Summer Assignment 2017**

**Step One:** Read the Introduction (“How’d He Do That?”), Chapter 1 (“Every Trip Is a Quest”), and Chapter 12 (“Is That a Symbol?”) of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster. Practice your highlighting, underlining, and annotating skills as you read these chapters, or take notes on a separate sheet of paper (be prepared to show me your notes or annotation—**this will be 20% of your grade!**).

**Step Two:** View a movie of your choice\* and take notes on what you notice, paying attention to symbols, patterns, familiar character types, familiar plotlines, and connections to other works.

**Step Three:** Write a 500-600-word response that analyzes your movie “like a professor,” evaluating familiar character types and plotlines (is your movie a quest?), exploring symbols, and making connections to other movies you have watched or books you have read.

Please make sure your response is typed in MLA format. Your written response which should be focused, coherent, thoughtful, and complete. Make references back to the chapters as needed. Quote directly or paraphrase (include citations!). Be sure your ideas are fully developed.

**You will turn in your response and your annotated chapters on the first day of class. Failure to do so will result in a 0 on this first assignment, *no exceptions.***

**Supply List**

* A notebook that is devoted to English 112 and can be kept in class
* A binder or section of a binder for handouts
* Black and/or blue pens, pencils
* Optional but appreciated: A box of tissues or a bottle of hand sanitizer

**Contact Information**

I will check email at least once a week over the summer. If you have any questions, please email me at [ann\_knepper@rockbridge.k12.va.us](mailto:ann_knepper@rockbridge.k12.va.us).

*\*Please make sure the movie you choose is appropriate for school discussion! If you have any doubts, please email me for approval.*