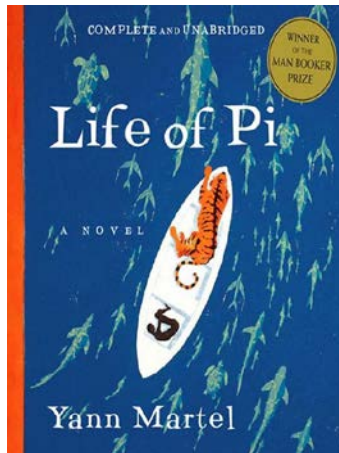


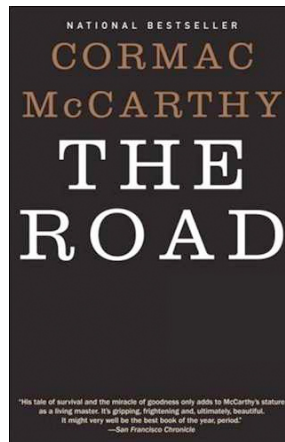
Summer Reading 2016 AP English IV

Congratulations for enrolling in AP English IV! This summer we ask that you read **one** of the novels below, and read **Chapters 1-12 of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor Revised Edition* by Thomas Foster** for the beginning of the school year. We will be discussing, analyzing, and writing about the novel in the first three weeks of the school year, as well as relating it to the readings from Foster's guide.

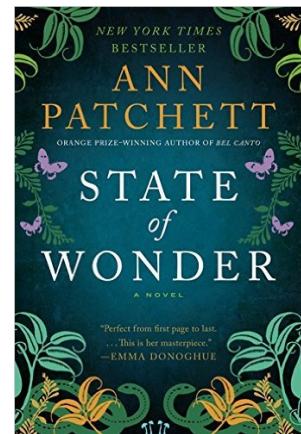
Choose one of the following novels:



Life of Pi
Yann Martel



The Road
Cormac McCarthy



State of Wonder
Ann Patchett

As you read this summer, consider the following:

- Annotate the book! Take notes in the margins and put sticky notes throughout with your thoughts and reactions. You may read this book in June and not have to discuss it until August – you want to have some points to look back on.
- Take notes! This doesn't have to be formal, but make it work for you. Things I would suggest you look for include: characters, key scenes that significantly influence the plot, symbols, major metaphors, significant uses of figurative language, and settings.
- Ask questions! If you don't understand something, write it down. If you think a scene is strange, odd, or unexplainable, make a note with what you're thinking.
- What connections do you see between Foster's book and the novel you chose?
- **Bottom line** – Be an active reader!

Be prepared to think critically and write analytically about the book on Day One!

We look forward to meeting you!

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