

# *AP Literature & Composition*

## *Summer Reading Assignments*

**Read the following works:**

*A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë

*The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare

**Assignment #1: Answer the following prompt in a well-written essay (3-4 typed pages, double-spaced).**

Writers often highlight the values of a culture or a society by using characters who are alienated from that culture or society because of gender, race, class, or creed. Choose [one of the works above] in which such a character plays a significant role and show how that character's alienation reveals the surrounding society's assumptions or moral values.

**Assignment #2: For each of the works above, complete the major works data sheet. A Google document of the major works data sheet can be found here [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bEfYQUNGe\\_gmJR0X7c0II664iPZuQGh-U1dFcc01Y4w/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bEfYQUNGe_gmJR0X7c0II664iPZuQGh-U1dFcc01Y4w/edit?usp=sharing)**

**Assignment #3: Read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster. Create a "Top 20 List" of the 20 most important reading strategies Foster says that critical readers need to follow in order to understand great literature. Make sure you cite the page number of each strategy in parentheses after each item on your list.**

**DUE: First Day of AP Literature  
& Composition Class**

A test will be given on the three literary texts the second week of class.