

LAWTON CHILES HIGH SCHOOL  
**Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition**

**Required Summer Reading Assignment—2021**

Welcome to Advanced Placement Literature and Composition. This course requires you to read, analyze, and discuss literature in depth and to write about literature in a manner that demonstrates knowledge and critical thinking abilities across various literary genres. The works listed below should be available at local libraries, but we encourage you to obtain a personal copy that will allow you to highlight and write in the works as you desire. **We will be using hard copies (not electronic copies) of both works listed below.**

**LITERARY WORKS**

**Read both works listed below and complete the note-taking assignment. [Notes on these novels are to be handwritten and in your own words—no notes from other sources except where noted; 3-5 pgs. min. for each novel.] Due date for notes and rewrite of story: the first day of class.**

**1. Novel: *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus* by Mary Shelley. You may read the 1818 or 1831 edition. Notes must include the following:**

- list of characters with descriptions
- plot summary (min: 150 words)
- characteristics of Romanticism (provide source)
- characteristics of Gothic literature (provide source)
- definition of a frame narrative (provide source)/explanation of the device in this novel (with textual examples/support)
- themes (**in sentence form**) with direct quotations for support

**2. Short story: “A&P” by John Updike**

Rewrite the short story from two new perspectives: a third-person narrative and a character of your choice (min: 300 words each). Be prepared to explain, with specific examples, how changing the perspective changes our understanding/analysis of the text.