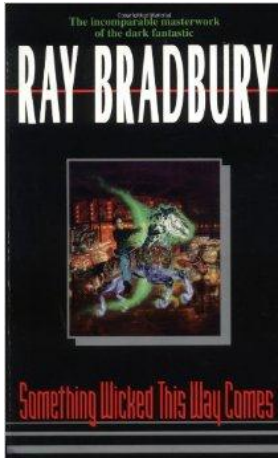




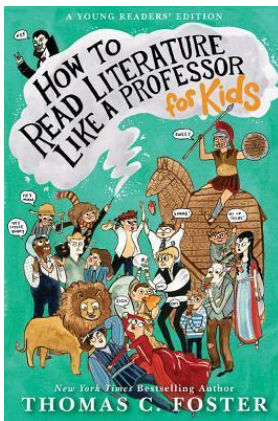
Summer reading provides an avenue for Pre-AP students to activate academic skills during the summer and to launch academic progress at the beginning of the school year in English classes. For the summer of 2015, students enrolled in English I Pre-AP are required to read and complete the following:



Something Wicked This Way Comes

by Ray Bradbury

The carnival rolls in sometime after midnight, ushering in Halloween a week early. The shrill siren song of a calliope beckons to all with a seductive promise of dreams and youth regained. In this season of dying, Cooger & Dark's Pandemonium Shadow Show has come to Green Town, Illinois, to destroy every life touched by its strange and sinister mystery. And two boys will discover the secret of its smoke, mazes, and mirrors; two friends who will soon know all too well the heavy cost of wishes and the stuff of nightmare.



How to Read Literature Like a Professor: For Kids

Professor Thomas C. Foster gives tweens the tools they need to become thoughtful readers. With funny insights and a conversational style, he explains the way writers use symbol, metaphor, characterization, setting, plot and other key techniques to make a story come to life.

ASSIGNMENT:

It is recommended that you read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* before reading *Something Wicked This Way Comes*. After reading each book, complete these assignments:

- **Assignment #1:** Write a two sentence summary for each chapter of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*. Type your responses using 11 or 12 point font (Calibri, Cambria, or Times New Roman). Double space your paper. Include the chapter number and title for each summary.
- **Assignment #2:** Complete the graphic organizer below for the novel *Something Wicked This Way Comes*. You do not need to type it.
- **Due Dates:** Both assignments are due on the second day of class (August 26th for students who have English on "A days," first block, or fifth block; August 27th for students who have English on "B days." If you are unsure when you have English, come prepared on August. 26th).
- **Assessment:** Evaluation of your summer reading will include a test on the second day of class, the same day that your assignments are due. This will be followed by other assignments and class discussions.
- Bring both books during the first few weeks of class. We will use *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* throughout the school year. You do *not* need to bring your books or assignments to Freshman Day on August 21. Give yourself enough time to complete your summer reading. If you read the works early in the summer, please give them a quick review before school begins.

Have a great summer! We look forward to meeting you in August.

Something Wicked this Way Comes By: Ray Bradbury

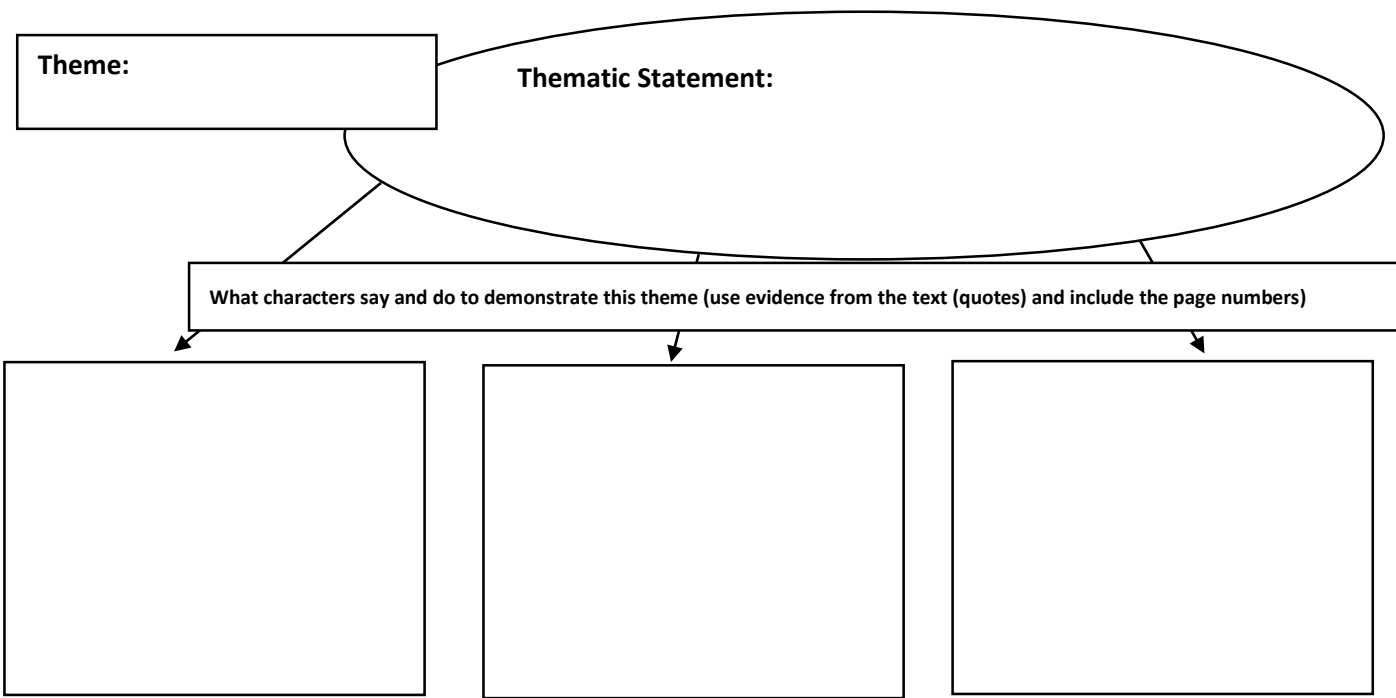
1. As you read the novel, pay attention to important characters and events that may reveal the novel’s theme (a theme is a universal truth or “big idea” about life that relates to anybody, anywhere, any time). **Choose a theme** from the list below (or you may come up with your own theme) that is significant to the novel.

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| Hypocrisy (double standards) | Coming of age | Power of friendship | Corruption of power |
| Overcoming challenges | Perseverance | Influencing change | Paradoxes of life |

2. Write a thematic statement (1 sentence).

Below are examples:

- A. (Revenge) Revenge can destroy both avenger and victim.
- B. (Fate) There are forces in life over which people have no control.
- C. (Pride) Pride can be the downfall of the greatest people.



3. Find another example of your theme. This can be from another piece of literature, music, or a movie. Explain.

4. Explain how the theme you chose is relevant to your own life or situations you notice in the world around you. Be specific.