

English 4AP Literature and Composition  
Summer Assignment

Throughout the year our study of literature will focus on the “**Individual’s Place in Society**”. We will begin our study with an examination of that theme in *Heart of Darkness*, by Joseph Conrad, and *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley.

Summer Reading Assignment:

- Read Joseph Conrad’s novella, *Heart of Darkness*
- Read New York Time’s article *Jungle Fever* from the November 6, 1995 issue
- Read Mary Shelley’s novel *Frankenstein*

Summer Writing Assignments:

1. Answer questions 1 - 4 from the *New Yorker* piece
2. Answer questions 1 - 15 over *Heart of Darkness*. Be sure to use complete sentences and give evidence to support your answers. These are short responses. No more than 1 paragraph each!!
3. Write an essay over the following prompt:  
Both *Heart of Darkness*, by Joseph Conrad, and *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley feature a “monstrous” character. Write a well organized essay in which you analyze  
each author’s use of literary devices and figurative language to develop each character (physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and socially) and explicate the impact that society has on them.
4. Choose a quote that reflects your outlook on life. Create a graphic with that quote, your name and an illustration on 8 1/2 x 11 copy paper.
5. Write an essay that explains your outlook on life and your role in society. Use your quote as an epigraph to your essay (NOT a part of your essay).

**Items 4 and 5 are due on the first day of school, Monday, August 24th.**

**Items 1, 2, and 3 are due at the end of the first week of school, Friday, August 28th.**

**You can expect a test over both novels the first week of school.**