

This year's summer assignment and suggested activities **are about rekindling students' love of literature and theatre.** The assignment is designed with students' busy summer schedules in mind and emphasizes less academic pressure *with the hope students remember why they loved to read and the magic of storytelling.* **Please purchase or check out a copy at your local library of the novel [The Overstory -by Richard Powers](#) ([click here for summary](#)).**

[2026 Season of Free Kentucky Shakespeare Festival in Central Park](#)

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. **Read the novel this summer**
2. Make *personal annotations or notes as you read.* Find a piece of paper and simply fold it lengthwise to use as a *bookmark.* On the bookmark record your responses, interesting events on page #s or quotes or questions as you read.
3. **Bring the book to class** the first two weeks of school **and discuss it.**
4. **Write a brief (30-45 min max) Q3 Practice AP Essay** in class for a formative assessment participation grade. [Q3 essay models, rubrics and prompts.](#)

We will have a series of informal, low stake discussions about the novel as a whole class and in small groups at the beginning of the year. We will then write FRQ #3 essays using the novel as a formative assessment baseline just to see where you are with writing essays. This essay will be a **progress grade only and participation/effort would be the criteria for the grade.** We will score it based on the College Board rubric as well to give guidance to what students need to work on throughout the year (not for a grade). We want students to read a novel and enjoy their summer.

Lastly, Mr. Crain and Mr. Terry want to encourage their students to attend a [FREE performance of Kentucky Shakespeare in Old Louisville's Central Park](#) and do something fun with friends. It's FREE. **THEY ARE GIVING EXTRA CREDIT** on the summer assignment for those that attend and bring proof email us a playbill and selfie at the show you attend. *You can attend any performance of any play.* **Your teachers will be attending the June 12** performance of *As You Like it* if you want to say hello and meet other AP Literature students. This is **completely optional.** We will meet at the Will's Tavern area.

#### AS YOU LIKE IT

by William Shakespeare

May 27-31; June 3-7; June 10-14; July 15, 18, 21, 24

