

Pygmalion Summer Task Work-English IV/AP Literature and Composition:

- A. Read the play Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw closely and thoughtfully over the summer. I highly recommend marking your own copy of the text with highlights and tabbed notes (ANNOTATE). Focus on characterization, symbols, motifs/patterns, connections to Victorian society, and key literary devices. You can find a copy of this play easily on Amazon or at Barnes & Noble.
- B. Complete the assignments below. (I recommend typing these responses on word files/Google docs, labeled clearly and in MLA format). You will submit these answers to our class's online account during the first week of school. I will check for plagiarism! Respond individually and without the Internet! Note: Each task should have a 1-2 paragraph response.

Task 1: Choose a minor character from the play and analyze his/her role in the play.

Examples include:

- Mrs. Pearce
- Alfred Doolittle
- Clara
- Colonel Pickering

Task 2: Choose a symbol, pattern, or theme and trace its significance throughout the play or within a particular scene. Examples include:

- Middle class morality
- Male mastery
- Narcissism
- Artists' lack of control over their subjects
- Victorian class system

