First of all, I’m so happy that you’ve chosen to take IB SL English! You won’t regret it! :-) Secondly, let’s talk about the summer assignment. This is designed to help you begin to see literary texts with a “new set of glasses” so to speak.

You will have ONE book to read, and you need to make sure you know it really well by day one. On the first day of school, you will receive a short story to analyze using chapters chosen by your teacher. You will not have time to read the book once the school year starts, so do not put this off.

- **Purchase, read, and annotate** *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas Foster. Trust me here; this book is a pretty enjoyable read. It’s the foundation for our other texts throughout the year. We will refer back to it often. And let’s talk annotations. Here’s my philosophy on that - annotations are for YOU! I’m not going to ask you to have so many per page, and I won’t take up your books and check your annotations. These are your own reflections about what you read. The better your annotations, the better you’ll do on your first assignment.