

**AP Lit Summer Reading Assignment:  
*Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison  
Due date: Sept. 6, 2011**

*Please obtain a copy of *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison. You may annotate your text, but you must type up responses to the following topics.*

Examine the text for the following topics / concepts:

1. Allusions. There are many Biblical allusions in this novel. Find all the Biblical allusions and explain their significance to the novel. For your typed response, identify the allusion and explain the significance of the allusion.

For the remaining topics, you must find 5 examples of the topic in the text. Identify the passage with appropriate page numbers and enough of the quote for context, then explain how the topic is used / represented in the passage and its significance. Then, after the fifth explanation, you need to explain how the topic / concept functions in the novel as a whole.

2. Significance of names / naming. .
3. The motif of flying
4. Personal history / heritage – discovering one's heritage
5. Importance of singing

In addition, you will need the following supplies and texts for the upcoming school year:

*King Lear* – Shakespeare – Folger's edition – ISBN 0743484959

*Death of a Salesman* – Miller – ISBN - 9780140481341

Binder – 2”

College lined paper

Black and blue pens

Tabs / dividers for the binder

Gmail account

Post-it-notes

Highlighters

White-out