

## Sophomore Summer Reading Log

You are to carefully read Thomas C. Foster’s *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* and create a document which mimics the chart below. Once you have finished identifying a main idea from each chapter, you are going to find corresponding examples for the literary elements noted in Capote’s non fiction novel *In Cold Blood*. Do not deviate from the example format. This assignment **MUST** be typed, in 12 point Times New Roman with proper MLA citations\* and is **due the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school** – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Example from <i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor</i>	Example from <i>In Cold Blood</i>	My discussion of the point
“whenever people eat or drink together, it’s communion” (Foster 8).	“A few miles north, in the pleasant kitchen of a modest farm-house, Dick was consuming a Sunday dinner. The others at the table - his mother, his father, his younger brother - were not conscious of anything uncommon in his manner. He had arrived home at noon, kissed his mother, readily replied to questions his father put concerning his supposed overnight trip to Fort Scott, and sat down to eat, seeming quite his ordinary self” (Capote 73).	As Foster points out, “communion doesn’t need to be holy. Or even decent” (10). It is clear in the text that Capote is pointing out the dichotomy between the quiet family dinner Dick is having with his parents and the murder he had helped commit. The juxtaposition of the extreme violence of murder and the sedate tone of the family meal make the scene that more chilling and cement the fact that the family has no idea the violence Dick is capable of committing. And while they do not see Dick for who he truly is, there is a solidifying of Dick as just a regular person – a notion that is quite unsettling.

Note that each entry, save my explanation, has the proper MLA citation. This is mandatory. An assignment that does not have the proper MLA citations will not be eligible for the highest score.

Also - an assignment that is not typed will not be eligible to be scored.

\*For detailed MLA format directions, please consult the Online Writing Lab (OWL) associated with Purdue University.