

AP English 12: English Literature and Composition
***Emma* literary analysis**

reading due dates for class discussion and activities:

- chapters 1-14 due on 23 & 24 August 2008
- chapters 15-28 due on 31 August & 1 September 2008
- chapters 29-42 due on 7 & 8 September 2008
- chapters 43-55 due on 15 & 16 September 2008

writing assignment due at beginning of class on above dates:

For each reading due date, complete both elements of the assignment explained below. On the due date, you will also compose a timed analysis in response to one significant passage that I select from the assigned chapters.

1. Jane Austen wrote about Emma, "I am going to take a heroine whom no one but myself will much like." She is certainly a complex character, one whose strengths may be equaled or outnumbered by her flaws. As you read, focus on the ways in which Austen reveals Emma's *complex* character by choosing **three** quotations of direct or indirect characterization. In a detailed paragraph for each, explain how the quotation illuminates Emma's character and reveals the narrator's attitude toward the protagonist. (10 points each; 30 points total)
2. During your reading, identify **ten** words that are unfamiliar to you and that you would like to incorporate into your own vocabulary. Write the sentence from the book with the word in it and indicate page number in a parenthetical citation. Record the definition(s) of the word. If multiple definitions exist, choose the definition(s) that fits the context of the book's sentence. Create a sentence of your own using the new word in proper context. (3 points each; 30 points total)