

Honors World Literature Reading List

Required Summer Reading:

Dickens, Charles	<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>
Sophocles	<i>Antigone</i>

An essay on *A Tale of Two Cities* (essay topic is at the end of this list) and a test on *Antigone* are the assignments for the first day of school.

Suggested Reading for the School Year for Novel Reports:

Buck, Pearl	<i>The Good Earth</i>
Hilton, James	<i>Lost Horizon</i>
Grass, Gunter	<i>The Tin Drum</i>
Gordimer, Nadine	<i>July's People</i>
Smith, Betty	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>
Conroy, P.	<i>The Lords of Discipline</i>
Camus, A.	<i>The Plague</i>
Malamud, Bernard	<i>The Fixer</i>
Hesse, Herman	<i>Siddhartha</i>
Remarque, Erich Maria	<i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>
Achebe, Chinua	<i>Things Fall Apart</i>
Markandaya, Kamala	<i>Nectar in a Sieve</i>
Kafka, Franz	<i>The Metamorphosis</i>
Kincaid, Jamaica	<i>Annie John</i>
Allende, Isabel	<i>Paula</i>
Dickens, Charles	<i>David Copperfield</i>
Dumas, Alexandre	<i>Count of Monte Cristo</i>
Marquez, Gabriel Garcia	<i>Chronicle of a Death Foretold</i>
Shaw, George Bernard	<i>Saint Joan</i>

The following works are to be purchased for the class for use during the school year:

Shakespeare, William	<i>Julius Caesar</i>
Shelley, Mary	<i>Frankenstein</i>
Wiesel, Elie	<i>Night</i>

There are no acceptable excuses for late work. Manage your time and do not wait until the last minute. I do not want to hear that your printer would not work or that your printer ran out of ink or that you do not have a computer/printer, and, therefore, had to wait for your best friend to finish his/her essay before you could do yours. If you do not have your essay the first day of school, be prepared to be put in English 9. Set deadlines for yourself over the summer and stick to them! I recommend getting the essay written early and then you can enjoy your summer. A week or two before the first day of school, read the drama *Antigone*, since you have a test on it. The test covers basic information on the drama. If you read it early in the summer, you might forget important information, so either re-read it before school starts or wait and read it a week or two before.

Essay Topic for *A Tale of Two Cities*

“By their deeds shall ye know them.” We often judge people by what they do; therefore, we consider people who commit cruel or reprehensible acts corrupt, base, or amoral. In literature, however, authors often introduce us to characters whom we learn to like or even respect, despite their deeds.

Write an essay about a character in *A Tale of Two Cities* for whom you developed admiration or compassion. Briefly, explain why you felt his or her behavior to be condemnable or contemptible, and how the author’s techniques influenced you to admire that person nonetheless. **DO NOT SUMMARIZE THE PLOT. Also, DO NOT USE FIRST OR SECOND PERSON (I, WE, YOU); USE THIRD PERSON ONLY.**

Essay Requirements:

Your essay should be two-three pages (minimum of two FULL pages), including at least five paragraphs. Points will be deducted if it is less than two FULL pages. Your introduction should include your thesis statement, and it is followed by body paragraphs two through four. Your essay should end with a conclusion. **Each paragraph should have a minimum of five sentences.** The essay should be written in MLA format, with the necessary page header and page numbers and ORIGINAL title.

The required essay, and any other essays, novel reports, or drama sheets assigned during the school year are to be typed in 12 pt. Times New Roman and placed in a **folder**. All essays, drama sheets, and novel reports will be turned in (in the same folder as your first assigned writing- due the first day of school-on each successive due date). All of these will be turned back in at the end of the year to the teacher. If you would like to keep a personal copy, please be sure and save to a flash drive.

Novel Report Form (to be used during the school year for novel reports, not for the required summer reading). We will review this format and other writing topics during the first six weeks.

1. Title
2. Original publication date
3. Author
4. Authorial background (include style, techniques, classification, significance, influence)
5. Setting (description is required)
6. Theme (support with elements from the novel)
7. Character sketch (written analysis of one major character)
8. Works Cited Page

All novel reports are to be written in paragraph form (including numbers 1,2, and 3). Research is required for #4 and will probably be helpful in composing the sections for numbers 5 and 7. Research will necessitate the inclusion of in-text citations and a Works Cited page. MLA style is required.

Please note for all essays, research papers, drama sheets, and novel reports, the standard rules of grammar apply. All grammar mistakes are ONE point each.