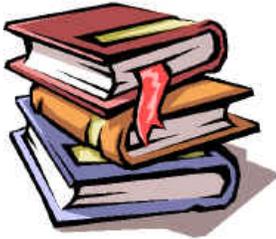




Freshman: *House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

Sophomore: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian*
by Sherman Alexie



Junior: *The Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston

Senior: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde

DIRECTIONS:

First, read this packet thoroughly so that when you read your assigned book, you can identify important quotes and descriptions. While reading highlight and take notes. Be an active reader.

This assignment is designed to be done without help from a teacher or a website like SparkNotes. However, if you have questions, use resources such as your *Writers Inc.* textbook to help.

Some questions are more challenging than others so, answer them to the best of your ability. "I didn't understand" is not an acceptable excuse for not completing any question or the assignment.

This Summer Reading assignment should be an example of your best work for a college preparatory school.

DUE DATE: **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

The Summer Reading assignment is due on or before September 26, 2016 to your English teacher. If you do not have an English class in Fall Quarter I, turn your work into your 5th period teacher.

This is an absolute deadline. If this Summer Reading assignment is not completed by September 26, you will be enrolled in the After School Program to complete the required work.

The tuition for the After School Program is **\$550** per course.

ASSIGNMENT:

- Follow the directions for each part.
- This assignment **MUST** be typed/word processed.
- Organize your writing by each part (Part I or Part II etc), so it can be clearly read.
- Use the check list provided to be sure that you have completed each part.

Part I: Setting

1. In your novel, there is a very dominant setting. Describe the novel's setting in two paragraphs:
 - a. Describe the physical description of where/when the story takes place.
 - b. Describe the atmosphere.
2. After your two written paragraphs include four quotes that describe the setting. Cite your page numbers.

Part II: Characters

List all of the main characters in the novel. After each character you listed, **describe** the character in two ways: a physical description and then a personality description.

Below your written description for each character, include a significant **quote** that describes that character or demonstrates their personality through what that character says.

Part III: Plot

1. Write several sentences about the novel's **conflict**.
2. Write several sentences about the novel's **climax**.
3. Write several sentences about how the conflict is **resolved**.

Part IV: Descriptive Language

1. Choose four quotes from the book that you feel are great examples of the author's use of descriptive language. Identify the page number.
2. Find and quote two examples of either similes and/or metaphors that the author uses. After each quote write a few sentences of your own opinion about why you liked/disliked the metaphor/simile you chose.

Part V: Your Reaction

Write **four** paragraphs in which you share your opinion about the novel.

Consider these questions to guide this short essay:

What did you like/dislike?

What would you change?

What did the author do well?

What aspect of the setting, characters, plot and style interested you? Why?

Name and Date: _____

Summer Reading Assignment Check List



- ✓ *Please put a Checkmark next to the Part once you have completed it.*
- ✓ *Attach this Check List to the front of your assignment when it is complete.*

This way you will be assured that you have fully completed this assignment.

Part I. Setting

Part II. Characters

Part III. Plot

Part IV. Descriptive Language

Part V. Your Reaction