



9th Grade Survey Literature Honors (English Honors) Summer Reading Assignment

Purpose: As a prerequisite for the Survey of Literature Honors course, students will be asked to complete a brief summer reading assignment before they return to school in the fall. The intent behind this is to help students hone the skills they acquired in their 8th grade honors course and to help better prepare them for the rigor of the 9th grade honors course. This assignment is also meant to assist students in their appreciation and enjoyment of the pieces of literature that we will be reading next year.

Assignment: Select three stories from the list provided below. These stories may be accessed online via the link listed below the story. For each of the three stories that you choose to read, you will need to write a paragraph long journal entry.

The journal entry will need to do the following:

- Identify a main theme of the story (with evidence of why you feel this way),
- Analyze which characters are static or dynamic and why,
- Identify and describe the climax and resolution of the story.

This assignment should be completed, to the best of your ability, when you return in the fall. The journal entries should be typed (preferably) and you should be prepared to share your conclusions with others in the class. We expect you to have a copy of this with you on the first day of class.

Stories to choose from:

Should neither of the links work, simply "Search" the name of the story & author with the term "full text" at the end.

"The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry

https://americanenglish.state.gov/files/ae/resource_files/1-the_gift_of_the_magi_0.pdf - Link 1

<https://www.teachervision.com/short-stories/o-henrys-gift-magi> - Link 2

"The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant

http://fac.ksu.edu.sa/sites/default/files/the_diamond_necklace.pdf -Link 1

<http://www.granburysd.org/cms/lib/TX01000552/Centricity/Domain/476/The%20Necklace.pdf> - Link 2

"A Sound of Thunder" by Ray Bradbury

http://teacherweb.com/ON/SacredHeartHighSchool/MrStriukas/A_Sound_of_Thunder.pdf - Link 1

<http://www.ws.k12.ny.us/Downloads/A%20Sound%20of%20Thunder.pdf> - Link 2

"Marigolds" by Eugenia W. Collier

<http://charlton6.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/6/2/10621939/marigolds.pdf> - Link 1

<http://teacherlink.ed.usu.edu/yetres/multimedia/McDougalLiterature/g09/cd03/Marigolds.mp3> - Audio

If help is needed with the summer reading assignment, voluntary support sessions will be held on July 18th, August 1st, and August 15th at Bradford. There is also a Google classroom in which you can ask questions. The classroom code is: at8yd32

You can also contact either of us through email. Our email address are: Ms. Duran (cduran@kUSD.edu) or Ms. Vincer (svincer@kUSD.edu). We will check our email periodically to answer questions.

We look forward to working with you next fall.

Sincerely...Ms. Duran and Ms. Vincer

