

## Summer Reading

### Honors Non-fiction Text

In an extended paragraph (12+ sentences in length), please respond to each of the prompts below. Use at **least three supporting pieces of evidence from the text** in each answer in the form of direct quotation with appropriate MLA formatting.

1. Select any figure from the text. Based on the characterization, choose a shape and a color to represent this figure and explain why you chose the specific shape and color.
2. Identify a major thematic idea from the text. How is this thematic idea demonstrated in multiple ways in the text?
3. How does the setting impact the figures in the text? Please consider physical and cultural setting in your response. (If you are struggling with this, think about how the figure's story would change if he or she had been placed in an alternate setting.)
4. Identify a primary and secondary conflict facing the major figure in the text. What techniques does the author use to communicate, shape, and resolve these conflicts?
5. Discuss narrative perspective (point of view). How does this shape a reader's experience of the text?

**Submission:** All responses should be submitted via Google classroom.

**Check your work:** Refer to the writing checklist to make sure you've met the writing and formatting requirements of this assignment. Refer to the rubric to make sure you've met the content requirements of this assignment.

## Writing Checklist

### Formatting

Did you...

- Have your writing double-spaced?
- Have everything typed in Times New Roman font size 12?
- Have each new paragraph indented?
- Use (last name page number) for each citation?
- Use present tense?

### Content

Did you...

- Use evidence to support EACH argument you make?
  - Cite each piece of evidence, even if you've paraphrased it?
  - Use quotation marks and a citation every time you use words that aren't your own?
- Explain how EACH piece of evidence proves your point?

### Grammar and Diction

Did you...

- Avoid using first and second person in your writing?
- Write in complete sentences?
- Vary your sentence structure so you don't have just simple or just complex sentences?
- Use formal vocabulary?
- Avoid repeating phrases or ideas?

## Rubric

	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Does not Meet Expectations
<b>Critical Thinking</b>	Discussion shows evidence of critical thought focused on the prompt. Discussion moves beyond the literal, superficial level of answering the question.	Discussion shows evidence of critical thought; discussion may be somewhat superficial and only briefly address the elements in the prompt.	Discussion shows lack of critical thought; discussion is superficial. There is doubt as to whether the student read the text.	Discussion lacks connected thought. Prompt may not be fully addressed.
<b>Focus</b>	Clear, focused, concise expression of ideas	Fairly clear, but may lack focus or concise expression of ideas.	Unclear or vague in some references.	Lacking any focused discussion.
<b>Textual Evidence</b>	Provides evidence that best supports the topic.	Provides evidence, but not necessarily the best evidence to support the claim.	Provides evidence but it is not effective to illustrate the point.	Does not provide textual evidence.
<b>Conventions of writing</b>	Author has observed the requirements listed on the writing checklist; his/her writing makes the review more interesting.	Author has observed most of the requirements listed on the writing checklist; writing style does not make the review difficult to understand.	Author observes some of the requirements on the writing checklist; some errors make the review difficult to understand.	Writing is confusing due to errors in writing.

## Summer Reading Honors Fiction Text

Choose a dynamic character (one that changes over the course of the novel), and complete **BOTH** the background table and the written response. Remember that a dynamic character can be a major or minor character.

### Character Background

Fill out the table below based on your knowledge of the character throughout the work as a whole. You may have to infer some information by considering the character's actions, dialogue, or thoughts. Support your answer with a brief example from the text.

Occupation:	
Education: (How knowledgeable does the character seem?)	
Home life: (What kind of family does he/she have? Where/how does he/she live?)	
Religious or Spiritual views:	
Role in the Community: (Do others rely on him/her? Does he/she improve or detract from his/her environment?)	
Entertainment: (What does he/she do for fun?)	
Ambitions: (What does he/she want to be or do? Why? How does he/she work toward this goal?)	

Frustrations:	
Temperament: (Is he/she a happy person? Optimist/Pessimist/Realist?)	
Life Philosophy: (What codes/ideals does he/she live by? What are his/her core beliefs about life?)	
Change in Behavior: (over the course of the novel)	

### **Written Response**

Consider the information from your background table to develop a profile of your character. Ultimately, determine what kind of person he/she is, and how his/her characterization impacts the novel. You do not need to include all of the information from your background chart; rather, choose the most relevant information that applies to your analysis. Support your argument with specific details from the text.

## Summer Writing Editing Checklist

### Formatting

Did you...

- Have your writing double-spaced?
- Have everything typed in Times New Roman font size 12?
- Have each new paragraph indented?
- Use (last name page number) for each citation?
- Use present tense?

### Content

Did you...

- Answer the question that was asked?
- Use evidence to support EACH argument you make?
  - Cite each piece of evidence, even if you've paraphrased it?
  - Use quotation marks and a citation every time you use words that aren't your own?
- Explain how EACH piece of evidence proves your point?

### Grammar and Diction

Did you...

- Avoid using first and second person in your writing?
- Write in complete sentences?
- Vary your sentence structure so you don't have just simple or just complex sentences?
- Use appropriate vocabulary for your audience?
- Avoid repeating phrases or ideas?

## Length Requirements

Minimum:

Grade 9: extended paragraph (12-18 sentences)

Grade 10: 2-3 paragraphs

Grade 11: 4-5 paragraphs

Grade 12: 5 paragraph essay

## Rubric

	<b>Exceeds expectations</b>	<b>Meets expectations</b>	<b>Approaching expectations</b>	<b>Does not meet expectations</b>
Review demonstrates student has read the given book	Review demonstrates a deep, thoughtful understanding of the book.	Review demonstrates the author has read the book and not just read a summary online.	Review demonstrates a surface understanding of the book.	Review does not convince the reader that the author actually read the book.
Meets requirements of review	Author exceeds the requirements listed in Google Classroom.	Author meets the requirements listed in Google Classroom.	One small component of the assignment is missing.	Major components of the assignment are missing.
Conventions of writing	Author has observed the requirements listed on the writing checklist; his/her writing makes the review more interesting.	Author has observed most of the requirements listed on the writing checklist; writing style does not make the review difficult to understand.	Author observes some of the requirements on the writing checklist; some errors make the review difficult to understand.	Review is confusing due to errors in writing.

**It goes without saying that any of your work that is not your own (copied from another student or an online resource) will not be accepted.**

**Deductions for late work will be taken. Work that is submitted after September 4, 2021 will not be accepted for assessment.**

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_