

Honors Composition Literature 9

MCC Summer Reading Assignment 2018-2019

Directions: Begin by reading this policy!

Summer Reading Policy

Muskegon Catholic Central English department provides a solid college preparation program for all its students, taking great measures to ensure that each student has multiple opportunities to spend time reading independently from the course they are registered for. As a department we are ever changing in order to better fit the needs of our students, and the more rigorous expectations they will have from year to year.

All students, grades 7 -12, will be required to complete an independent reading assignment(s). This assignment will be created specifically for the course that the student is registered for, no matter if first or second semester.

This year, each grade level will have the opportunity to read a book of their choice; this "choice" will vary depending on the level of the course (see instructions on grade appropriate extended reading assignment). As the goal of the English department is to encourage a love and an appreciation of reading; therefore, creating class libraries of contemporary material for students to access is a priority. **Therefore, the choice text must be purchased as each respective English teacher will be collecting the "choice" text from each student to add to class libraries. Students are encouraged to search for texts online that can be purchased at a reduced cost.**

★ **Honors Composition Literature 9 students will be required to donate CHOICE BOOK (for Summer Reading Assignment #1).**

ALL ASSIGNMENTS will be distributed during the last week of school AND can be accessed on MOODLE under class headings (you must scroll past the list of when English courses are taught though!). Mrs. Dornbos will be available to answer questions via email all summer at kdornbos@muskegoncatholic.org.

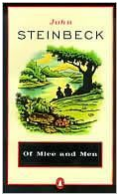
Extended Reading Assignment #1

Required Reading #1: A Contemporary Book of Your Choice, Fiction or Nonfiction

What a nice way to begin summer – reading a book of your choice! I am allowing you academic freedom in order to give you a say in what you read; reading is essential to your critical thinking skills – bottom line! So, find a book that you want to read, and then simply read it. A word of caution – make sure the book you choose is one that is clearly at your reading level (or slightly above) - do not select a text that you would have found on a middle school reading list. This book is the book you must “donate” to build the class library (see policy for further details).

→ You will be expected to do something with this text on the first day of class.

Extended Reading Assignment #2



Required Reading #2 —*Of Mice and Men* written by John Steinbeck

This novel takes place during the Great Depression, and it focuses on the American Dream. It is a story about two guys who travel together. Lennie is a mentally challenged adult who may be large in stature, but has the mind of a child. George is Lennie’s friend and caregiver. While reading the novel, the reader should pay particular attention to character development, as well as the progression of the dream.

Assignment:

★ You need to type one **reaction journal** for every chapter in this text; there are 6 chapters.

- A **reaction journal** is a typed reflection of your thoughts on the text - **what are you understanding, not understanding, liking, not liking**. Each journal should be **analytical – do not restate plot!**
- Each reaction journal must be **12 typed lines** in a single block (full lines – do not indent). Journals may be typed continuously as to save paper.
- Every journal should have just a centered heading **Reaction Journal # ___ – Chapter ___** (you type in the blanks), then skip a line, and then type your reaction to that chapter.
- You **NEED TO MAKE SURE** to type these in Times New Roman, 12 pt., single spaced with 1” margins.
- Lastly, do not place a TRADITIONAL heading on these reaction journals because you need to have a cover page (see next page for example).

To be very clear, you must READ both texts, and complete your reaction journals before the first day of class as you are turning the assignment in on the first day of class, and writing on your choice text on the first day of class.

Any questions fit the following parameters of any portion of this assignment should be emailed to kdombos@muskegoncatholic.org. And, to be clear, your email should be well thought out, clearly articulated, and concisely worded. All other questions can be mulled over and over in your own mind until you answer them yourselves.

EXAMPLE OF COVER PAGE SETUP

Of Mice and Men Reaction Journals

by

Student Name

*Please imagine that the above lines are appropriately positioned on page at lines 16, 18, 20 (Word has a line count at bottom of page – just make sure to type in single spacing to get accurate numbers!)

EXAMPLE OF REACTION JOURNAL SETUP

Reaction Journal #1 – Chapter 1

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*Please notice the 12 FULL typed lines, the spacing and structure of paragraphs, and that I ran them together on same page. You must indicate your journal number, as well as the chapter you are focusing on.