

Senior Language and Literature Summer Assignment

Hey guys! I'm excited to start working with you next year as you enter year two of your IB classes! Language and Literature is a course full of opportunities to grow as readers, thinkers, and writers. Over the summer, I would like you to further grow your analysis skills in hopes that they won't become rusty while school is out. Please follow the directions below.

Step 1: Choose a novel to read. Please make sure you have chosen a work of fiction. This novel should be age appropriate and manageable, meaning on your grade level and not too brief or lengthy. I would probably aim for about 200 pages in length on average. You do not have to choose a classic piece of literature. Feel free to choose a book you would pick for fun. If you need help finding a book, let me know.

Step 2: Read your novel. Take notes as you read. These may be in the form of annotations, sticky notes in your books, notes on notebook paper, typed bullet points, thinking maps, etc. I encourage you to set reading goals for yourself, so that you are not left at the end of the summer with a whole book to read.

Step 3: Identify significant background information about the author (applicable to novel), context of novel (how does it fit in the society of the time it was written and/or the time it was set in), purpose (reason for writing it), and audience (who was it written for). You should need to consult other sources to find this information. Please avoid wikipedia and websites; please use credible sources. They must have an author/creator and a publication date (copyright date).

Step 4: Identify the following literary elements within your book: setting, plot, major characters (applicable characterization), conflicts (internal/external), symbols, themes, and significant figurative language (metaphor, simile, alliteration, onomatopoeia, personification, hyperbole, idiom, cliché, etc.).

Step 5: Plan to present your findings to the class when we come back to school. In other words, plan to teach your class about this book. You should cover all that you identify in steps 3-4. You should create a presentation through Google Slides, Power Point, Prezi, or some other electronic visual. Make sure your visual includes in-text citations and a Work(s) Cited page in MLA format.

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