

Summer Reading for Incoming English II Honors Students/AUGUST 2017

Your summer reading consists of definitions of terms, two readings, and two essays. These readings are found online so that you will not have to purchase anything in order to complete your summer reading.

Your two essays **MUST** be in MLA format—yes, this means they must be typed--and you can access the particulars of this format online at OWL, Purdue University's Online Writing Lab. This site shows you exactly how to adhere to MLA (Modern Language Association) guidelines for essay writing. Essays **NOT** meeting MLA format will be returned for correction and due within two school days, revised.

These two essays **AND THE DEFINED WORDS AT THE BOTTOM** count as your **FIRST TEST GRADE** of the year for English II Honors.

Essay #1

Read William Zinsser's "College Pressures." Write an essay in which you discuss the four major categories that Zinsser establishes as he discusses college pressures and, further, discuss how he sees these categories in relationship to each other. **USE QUOTES FROM ZINSSER TO SUPPORT YOUR EXPOSITION.**

THE ESSAYS MUST BE AT LEAST 5-6 PARAGRAPHS OF AT LEAST 10-15 SENTENCES EACH; 500 WORDS, MINIMUM.

Essay #2

Read Alice Walker's "Beauty: When the Other Dancer Is the Self" and write an essay in which you analyze the structure of Walker's narrative essay. A common structure is chronological, but Walker jumps back and forth in time. Analyze **HOW** this structure works effectively in Walker's writing by discussing her transition devices, her attention to detail, her descriptive sentences, and her resulting message which supports "Beauty . . . the Other Dancer Is the Self."

Definitions #3

Define these words/names from Alice Walker's essay: subversive; chronic; Tom Mix; Hopalong Cassidy; Lash LaRue; cataract; anguish; scandalous; Stevie Wonder; fatigue.

Define these words from Zinsser's essay: supplicants; quadrangle; savor; intangible; exhilarate; brevity; vacillates; tenured; mediocrity; introverts; Porter Stewart; Kingman Brewster; William F. Buckley, Jr.; codified.

-Hand in the essays and definitions (**all** typed; MLA format) in the order of Essay #1/top; Essay #2/middle; Definitions#3/bottom; staple the items together and have them ready to hand in on the **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, 2017, IN ENGLISH II HONORS CLASS.** It counts as your **FIRST TEST GRADE OF THE YEAR**, so complete the assignment well, thoroughly, correctly, and with special attention to MLA format.