

ASCS 2009 Summer Reading Assignment Details

English 7: The Pearl by John Steinbeck

Due Sept. 21: Completely read the novella. Write a well-organized, five-paragraph essay containing the following:

1. Write an introductory paragraph which includes the main conflicts and resolution.
2. State the theme of the novella and expand on the following points:
 - a. Does wealth create happiness?
 - b. Are humans greedy by nature?
 - c. Are the effects of colonialism on native cultures good or bad?
3. Use two Bible verses that relate to the theme of the novella.
4. Evaluate the novella and indicate if you enjoyed the story. Why or why not?
5. Finish with a concluding paragraph.

Please type this essay, double-spaced, and title it "Summer Reading Response."

English 8: The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom

Due Sept. 21: Completely read the autobiography. Write a well-organized, five-paragraph essay analyzing these aspects of the novel:

1. How did God use Corrie's experience to minister to others?
2. In what amazing ways did God provide for Corrie throughout the book?
3. Explain the theme that is prevalent in this book and two Bible verses that back up this theme.
4. Is this theme relevant for your life? How?
5. Did you enjoy this book? Why or why not?

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Honors English 8: The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom

Due Sept. 21: Do the above assignment.

Due Oct. 5: The Giver by Lois Lowry

Completely read the novel. Write a well-organized, five-paragraph essay (minimum) analyzing these aspects of the novel:

The Bible tells us to obey those in authority (Romans 13:1-2, Hebrews 13:17); but sometimes those in authority advocate ideas that the Bible teaches against. Should we continue to obey such authorities? Use examples from history and the Bible in your essays.

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English 9: Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea by Jules Verne

Due Sept. 21: Completely read the novel. Write a well-organized, two-page essay (minimum) analyzing these aspects of the novel:

Some critics say that Captain Nemo can be described as a man who defiles God. Give two examples supporting this and two examples disproving this statement. Explain all examples according to scripture. Explain whether you agree or disagree that Captain Nemo defiles God.)

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Honors English 9: Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea by Jules Verne

Due Sept. 21: Do the above assignment.

Due Oct. 5: West Side Story by Irving Shulman

Completely read the play. Write a well-organized, five-paragraph essay (minimum) analyzing these aspects of the novel:

Look at Colossians 3:15, Psalm 11:4-5, and Ephesians 5:25. What does each of these verses mean? Explain their relationship to West Side Story. Explain how you can apply them to your life.

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English 10: To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Due Sept. 21: Completely read the novel. Assessment will be in the form of an objective test initially, and an essay test following in-class discussions

Honors English 10: To Kill a Mockingbird

Due Sept. 21: Completely read the novel. See above for assessment.

Due Oct. 5: The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis

Completely read the novel. Type the answers to these questions in well-formed paragraphs, using Times New Roman 12 pt. font; double-spaced; with 1 inch margins top, bottom, and sides.

1. Summarize Chapter 9, and apply its principles to your own life.
2. Summarize Chapter 11, and apply its principles to your own life.
3. Summarize Chapter 16. How can the search for a church become dangerous to one’s spiritual well-being?
4. Summarize Chapter 21, and apply its principles to your own life.
5. Summarize Chapter 22. Screwtape says, “Everything has to be twisted before it’s any use to us.” Explain how and why that is true.
6. Summarize Chapter 30, and apply its principles to your own life.
7. Summarize Chapter 31.

English 11: The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne,

Due Sept. 21: Completely read the novel. Assessment will be in the form of an objective test initially, and an essay test following in-class discussions.

Due Oct. 5: The Crucible by Arthur Miller

Completely read the play. Type a two-page paper using Times New Roman 12 pt. font; double-spaced; with 1 inch margins top, bottom, and sides. The first page is to be a historical summary of the Salem Witch Trials, including the major characters, action, and outcome. The second page is to be a comparison and contrast between the historical summary and the actions seen in the play. Be sure to include a bibliography of sources you used for the historical summary.

***Be prepared for an objective test to assess your understanding of the novel.

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Honors English 11:

Due Sept. 21: The Scarlet Letter ; see above for requirements and assessment.

Due Oct. 5: The Crucible by Arthur Miller; see above for requirements and assessment.

Due Oct. 19. The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Completely read the novel. Type a two- page paper using Times New Roman 12 pt. font; double-spaced; with 1 inch margins top, bottom, and sides. The first page is to be a summary of the “Roaring Twenties,” including the major influences on the time period and the social results. On the second page, explain how The Great Gatsby exemplified the era of the Roaring Twenties. Be sure to include a bibliography of sources you used for the historical summary.

English 12

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens; **due Sept. 15.**

Completely read the novel. Create a time line. On one side of the line, indicate important events in the life of Charles Dickens (beginning with his birth in 1812 and ending with his death in 1870). On the other side of the line, indicate events that were going on during Dickens’ life in Victorian England (However, begin with the year 1832 and conclude with the year that Queen Victoria dies).

Type a 1-2 page paper (double spaced) covering the topics: How are the Victorian themes of morality, treatment of children, and romance played out in David Copperfield? In what ways are these themes relevant to today's world? In what ways does the treatment of these themes compare **and** contrast to contemporary views?

***Be prepared for an objective test to assess your understanding of the novel.

Due Oct. 5: Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis

Completely read the book. Type at least a two-page paper (double spaced) covering the following topics: Describe the heaven and hell in which Lewis believes. Why does Lewis accept the biological theory of evolution? How does Lewis justify the idea of a perfect Creator making an imperfect world? How should a Christian behave, according to Lewis?

English 12 AP:

Students are to read these books in following order: Pilgrim’s Progress by John Bunyan, Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton, A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens, and Moby Dick by Herman Melville

Pilgrim’s Progress by John Bunyan is due on **Sept 14.**

Type a two- page paper: Times New Roman font, 1 inch margins top, bottom, and sides, double-spaced

1st page is about the life of John Bunyan, especially noting the events that affected the writing of Pilgrim’s Progress.

2nd page Pilgrim’s Progress

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Personify one of YOUR sins or areas of weakness, as Bunyan does in the book. You are the narrator in this; use the “I” pronoun. Write paragraphs of background information, setting the stage for your confrontation with this sin. Write paragraphs of dialogue, showing how you have struggled with the problem and overcome it, or are still in the process of overcoming. Write one paragraph of summary. Be sure to punctuate dialogue properly and change paragraphs whenever you change speakers.

3rd page: Be sure to include a Works Cited page (like the Works Cited page that was done for the junior English research paper) on which you list the sources for the information presented in the paper.

Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton, due **Sept. 28; assessment to be determined.**

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens, due **Oct. 16; assessment to be determined.**

Moby Dick by Herman Melville, due **Oct 30; assessment to be determined.**