

Pre-AP English 10 Summer Assignments 2016

Follow these instructions carefully. Your assignment is not extremely complicated; however, late, sloppy and/or careless work will not be accepted from potential Pre-AP English students.

- Read *The Old Man and the Sea*, a short novel by Ernest Hemingway.
- Be prepared for a comprehensive test on the book the first day of class.
- Read the first 3 acts of *Julius Caesar*, a play by William Shakespeare.
- Be prepared for a comprehensive test on the book the first day of class.
- Watch *In the Heart of the Sea*, and read the last 5 chapters of *Moby Dick*, a novel by Herman Melville. Of course, you may choose to read more of this novel, but it is not required.

TWO ESSAY ASSIGNMENTS:

#1 Discuss the conflict found in *The Old Man and the Sea*, *In the Heart of the Sea* and *Moby Dick*. Your essay may include internal conflict, external conflict and conflict between man and nature. You should include a paragraph of introduction and a paragraph of conclusion, along with three supporting paragraphs. **Your essay MUST be typed in 14-point type. **No exceptions.**

#2 Who was Julius Caesar? What he a simple mortal, a dictator or a god? What evidence is offered in the play to confirm your hypothesis? **Typed 14 point.**

DO NOT USE PLOT SUMMARY IN YOUR ESSAYS. You may use a brief quotation or two. Make genuine statements about your characters, symbolism, literary devices, etc., which directly address the essay assignment. Write in present tense if possible. Do no switch tenses. Do not use indefinite pronouns. Watch for faulty logic and poor wording.

*Your assignments are **due on the first full day of school**, whether you are enrolled in the class first term or not. **NO EXCEPTIONS! NO LATE WORK IS ACCEPTED!** You are required to have copies of the books in class. Try Books-a-million, 2nd and Charles or online for copies of books.

STUDENT
NAME: _____

I HAVE DISCUSSED BEING IN PRE-AP ENGLISH 10 WITH MRS. WALTON, AND SHE AGREES THAT I **SHOULD** TAKE THE CLASS. I REALIZE THAT THIS CLASS WILL REQUIRE MANY HOURS OF READING AND ANALYTICAL STUDY OF LITERATURE. I AM COMPETENT IN GRAMMAR AND WRITING SKILLS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS COURSE WILL INVOLVE MUCH READING, HOMEWORK AND CLASS DISCUSSION, ALONG WITH CLASS PARTICIPATION.

Signed: Student

Signed: Parents

Home Phone #

Signed: Mike Cordle

Signed: Cindy Walton

**Return this sheet to Mr. Cordle before the end of school.