

WINSLOW - AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION:

This assignment is due on the first day of school, August 2014. No late papers will be accepted.

1. Read the biographies of Eugene O'Neill and Thornton Wilder and write a reaction paper to each biography. The reaction paper is just that--a reaction to each writer's life.

In the first paragraph address the author's early life and career; in the second paragraph address the author's death and legacy.

*The length of each reaction paper should be 200-400 words.

PLEASE use strict MLA format.

2. Read Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. There is a central schools.org site that contains the entire script.

3. Read Eugene O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey into Night*, an autobiographical play. Amazon has copies for just fifty-six cents, by the way. Annotate both plays, please.

4. Then, write a paper of 500-800 words that argues which of the two plays is more relevant and more reflective of today's society and family structure. Be certain to draw support and include excerpts from each play. Also, you may use outside sources for support of your argument, of course, but be certain to DOCUMENT and include a WORKS CITED page for additional sources. When quoting from the plays, just include the page number of each play from which the quote came. Example (45).