

## English 12 Honors—Summer Assignment

**Reading:** *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad

\*The novel is available free at <https://www.planetebook.com/free-ebooks/heart-of-darkness.pdf>. There are other versions free online that can be accessed by searching “Heart of Darkness by Conrad pdf.” You can download this pdf to your iPad if you will not have wifi or internet access during the summer.

**Part 1 (150 points):** As you read the novel, complete Double Entry Journals (DEJ) (a minimum of 15 entries). Each entry should be a minimum of 1 handwritten page and should discuss a balance of topics including characterization, setting, theme, conflict, etc. Of course, you may have more than the minimal number of entries; also include entries that address questions you have, clarification of things in the text, quotes that you love, etc. (see the attached DEJ explanation and template).

\*Your DEJs will be graded for thoroughness and evidence of **your** reading as well as an understanding of the novel. Journal entries are NOT graded on simply completing them.

**Part 2 (150 points):** Upon completion of the novel and DEJ work, write a 5 page, typed (DS, 12 pt font, APA format) paper thoroughly discussing the novel. This is not a book report; instead, you should focus on plot, theme, setting, characters, etc in a well-developed discussion of the author’s purpose and message. Why did the author write the novel? What universal theme(s) are evident in the novel? What connection can you make between the novel, character(s), etc and your world, life, society, etc? This is your opportunity to demonstrate your writing talents! \*Your paper will be graded on format, content, and development.

**Part 3 (50 points):** Select a college or university you are considering attending after high school. Research the school’s catalogue (via college website) to determine the academic dishonesty policy of the institution. Document the policy by paraphrasing it in a concise but thorough report including citation. The length of this part is determined by the amount of information the institution publishes. **\*\*Do not copy and paste\*\*** Following the policy, write a personal reflection of the policy and the impact this will have on your work at the university.

**Final thoughts:** As with any long term project, please pace yourself to complete the reading and assignments prior to the beginning of school in August. All summer assignments are due the first day of school; assignments will not be accepted after the due date. Keep in mind, the summer project is worth 350 points. While it may be tempting to only utilize Sparknotes or another review site, I caution you about relying on the interpretation presented as it is just that—someone’s interpretation of the literature, themes, etc. You are better served by reading the novel and completing the tasks on your own with the integrity of your ideas and thoughts. We will refer to this work throughout the school year.

If you have any questions regarding the summer assignment, please feel free to email me at [jlallen@mail.kana.k12.wv.us](mailto:jlallen@mail.kana.k12.wv.us) which I will be checking throughout the summer. Have a fabulous summer!