

Welcome to Mrs. Williams' Pre AP English 9 Class

Over the summer and before class starts 2nd semester, you will have two activities to complete. One is reading a novel that will help set the stage for some themes we will discuss in our short story unit. The other is a background information assignment for Animal Farm. These will be test grades and they are due **THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS. You will lose one letter grade per day it is late up to 4 days, after which you will earn a zero.** You are to submit your paper and PowerPoint via Googledocs OR attach it to an email and send to ecwilliams@gaston.k12.nc.us no later than the beginning of your class period on the first day of second semester. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at the above email address or stop by my classroom when school starts in August. Even though the class starts second semester, don't wait too long to get started on these assignments.

Your first assignment is to read And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie. This book is available through Amazon for \$4.22. Books-A-Million in Gastonia also carries it. **After you finish this book, you will need to respond to the following persuasive prompt.** Please read and follow all of the instructions for completing the essay.

And Then There Were None Persuasive Paper Directions

1) Choose a character **besides Justice Wargrave.**

2) Your task is to convince readers the character you chose is the killer.

You need:

- An introduction paragraph with the title of the book and which character you're writing about. Try to make this an interesting, attention getter for the reader.
- Three body paragraphs with:
 - 1 topic sentence
 - 2-3 facts from the text for support
 - 1-2 sentences of explanation for each supporting fact from the text. **This is where you put your spin on the facts to convince readers someone else is the killer.** Explain your facts and force the reader to see that you are right! Don't assume the reader will just figure it out by the textual support you give. Use all your powers of persuasion to convince me!
- A conclusion paragraph that wraps up your ideas and leaves the reader believing the character you chose is the killer.

Your other assignment is to create a PowerPoint presentation. Your presentation will include information significant to the relationship of each of the following fourteen subjects (listed below) to the rise of Communism in Russia through WWII. You must have at least one slide per topic and no more than two slides per topic. **You must list all websites used to gather information and/or titles of books/magazines used on the final slide of your presentation, (the works cited page) this is a major part of your grade.** You will be graded on quality and relevance of information provided, the neatness/attractiveness of presentation, and your works cited page.

- 1) In 1847, German Karl Marx wrote *The Manifesto of the Communist Party*. **Briefly** summarize his theory of Marxism.
- 2) Russian Vladimir Lenin
- 3) Russian Czar Nicholas II and his family
- 4) Russian Revolution of 1917: who were the major revolutionists and what resulted? What were the relationship like among them?
- 5) Leon Trotsky
- 6) Joseph Stalin
- 7) After Lenin's death, how do Trotsky and Stalin's ideologies differ? What is the result?
- 8) Describe Stalin after he becomes dictator.
- 9) Russian Pravda newspaper
- 10) Propaganda
- 11) England (Churchill) and his relationship with Russia around WWII
- 12) Germany (Hitler) and his relationship with Russia around WWII
- 13) Russian Secret Police
- 14) The proletariat

Again, if you have any questions/concerns please feel free to email me or stop by my classroom once school starts.

Thanks and enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to meeting you all soon!