

AP English Summer Assignment

STEP ONE: Read ONE book of literary merit (this book must be approved by me). This will be a part of the grade.

STEP TWO: Answer the following questions analyzing different elements and how they help build meaning in the book. This should only be done once you've completed the entire book. In each of these responses, you should use textual evidence and support, include quotes, as well as your own analysis. The answers should be about $\frac{3}{4}$ - one full page in length fully analyzing each element sufficiently.

1. **SETTING** – Considerations: Where is the story set? Why is the setting important to what happens in the story? What is going on historically, socially, culturally that is important to understanding the story? How does the setting impact the values / ideas of the protagonist?
2. **PLOT / CONFLICT** – What is the primary conflict in the story? What type of conflict is it? How does the conflict drive the plot and create meaning?
3. **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT** – How do the characters develop and change over the course of the novel? How does their growth/change create meaning for you as a reader?
4. **POINT OF VIEW** – What POV is the story told in? How does this impact the story and build meaning?
5. **FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE, DICTION & STYLE** – Find a place where you think the author was particular in their use of figurative language, diction, or style. What impact does the language have on you and the book?
6. **SYMBOLISM** – What symbolism exists within the novel? Explain the symbolism and the effect it has on the overall meaning.
7. **THEME** – What large thematic statements do you think the author is making through the book? How does the author develop this theme?
8. **FINAL THOUGHTS** – What are your final thoughts on the book. Write a brief book review (remember a review is NOT a summary of the book but a literary critique).

STEP THREE: Have a fun summer and make tons of memories!