Honors 9 English: Summer Assignment: Reading and Critical Analysis  
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This summer you may read any text you would like! You will then write an analytical essay based on one of the following prompts:

- Analyze how the author develops the theme or themes throughout the book. What components of fiction or nonfiction (plot, conflict, characters, literary devices, figurative language, etc) have the strongest impact on the theme(s)?
- Choose a character and analyze how his or her actions, emotions, and traits impact his or her relationships with other characters.
- Analyze how a character from your chosen summer reading develops through the ways in which he or she faces conflict.

**Important Requirements and Reminders:**
*Your thesis must be an argument, and the body of your paper should prove that argument using substantial evidence from the text.*

*You should utilize three- six direct quotations AS SUPPORT for YOUR ideas in the body of your paper. They should be integrated into your own sentences and cited in MLA format (Author’s Last Name #). Example below:*

Ralph shows true leadership when he tells the boys to “‘grab firewood and make sure that the smoke is high enough to be seen’” (Golding 42).

*Your essay must contain a well-developed introduction, a body, and a conclusion. Furthermore, it should be written in third person point of view (use one, the reader, etc.) as well as PRESENT TENSE unless referring to actual, historical events.*

*Your introduction should serve three clear purposes: grab the reader's attention; introduce the book, author, and title; and present a clear arguable position to be developed in the essay.*

*The body of your essay should be several paragraphs long and serve to provide specific supporting evidence for your thesis. Be sure to maintain a strong focus on developing your argument. Do not fall into the trap of excessive plot summary. Analyze rather than summarize. Utilize plot points to support your thesis rather than retell the story.*

*Your conclusion should serve to wrap up your thoughts and add a sense of finality to your writing.*

*Your essay should be approximately 2 – 2 ½ pages long (5-6 paragraphs) typed, double-spaced, utilizing size 12 Times New Roman font.*

We strongly suggest writing a rough draft first and showing the revision and editing on the rough draft.

**You will hand in this assignment at the beginning of English class on your first day back to school in the fall.**

If you have any questions please send an email. Emails may not be answered in the week before the first day of school. Our email addresses are as follows:

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