



11AP Language and Literature Summer Assignment

Welcome to AP English! Your enrollment in this course indicates that you are interested in challenging yourself with an advanced level of English. The challenge of the course begins over the summer with several independent assignments.

These assignments are due on the first day of class (September 7). Late assignments will be collected until Monday, September 13, with a 5 point deduction per day late. Students who fail to turn in the assignments by Monday will receive a zero. The assignments will count toward 10% of your first quarter grade. Additionally, these assignments will be the starting off point for our initial discussion and class work.

I look forward to taking this literary journey with you in September.

Enjoy your summer!

Mrs. Cangelosi

Assignment #1:

Read *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway. Conduct a close reading of the novel with an eye on themes, characterization, structure, imagery, diction, and point of view. During your reading you will choose and respond to *five* quotations from the novel that you feel have some significance. Please set up this assignment like a double-entry journal with the quotes appearing on the left side of your paper and your response and explanation of its significance on the right side of your paper. Be prepared to share your insights!

Assignment #2:

Read *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Conduct a close reading of the novel with an eye on themes, characterization, structure, imagery, diction, and point of view. During your reading you will choose and respond to *five* quotations from the novel that you feel have some significance. Please set up this assignment like a double-entry journal with the quotes appearing on the left side of your paper and your response and explanation of its significance on the right side of your paper. Be prepared to share your insights!

Assignment #3:

Write a comparative essay analyzing *The Sun Also Rises* and *The Great Gatsby*. It is up to you to determine a thesis for this essay. Quotations from the novels should be included to support your answers. The essay should be typed following proper MLA format.

Assignment #4:

Choose a controversial issue that is currently affecting society. It should be something that interests you as you will be following it closely over the course of the summer. Write a minimum of *three* journal entries that identify the issue, identify its key aspects, and explain your position. Utilize a multitude of media sources to become knowledgeable. Please date these entries and cite any sources used. These are *not* summary articles; instead, you will be analyzing and exploring the issue at hand.