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## English 3H Summer Assignment: Humanities Academy

Throughout your experience as an academic you have, both individually and in group situations been guided through analysis of a plethora of novels, plays, poems, and short stories. Through these guided tours you have gained a better developed appreciation of authors' techniques and themes.

For this summer assignment you will demonstrate independent reading and literature evaluation skills. This assignment is designed to promote independent reading, research and analysis.

<u>**Assignment:**</u>

1. Examine the book list below and **choose at least three books to research**. Do a bit of research by examining basic summaries, critics' reviews, plot points, and characters. After you have learned about at least three of the novels below, **select the two** that seem most interesting to you for your summer reading.

2. Read each book thoroughly. Feel free to consult on-line guides and reviews to assist your literary understanding of the novel, but do understand that you are still expected to read each of your novel choices cover to cover. Rely also on your own ability to analyze literature based upon what you have practiced in school.

3. After you finish each novel, complete the Independent Reading Review on the opposite page. All documents must be typed and MLA format (for MLA concerns visit www.owl.english.purdue.edu). All responses must reflect varied and complex syntax and precise diction.

4. Novel list: (remember: research at least three, choose two)

    Bean Trees                                  For Whom the Bell Tolls

    Into Thin Air OR Into the Wild (you can't choose both)

    Bless Me, Ultima                            A Separate Peace

    Ethan Frome                                 Sun Also Rises

    Grapes of Wrath                             Sound and the Fury

    Native Son                                  Shoeless Joe

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**Independent Reading Review   English 3H Summer Reading**

Provide a thoughtful and critical response to any 8 of the following 12 questions for each of your chosen books.  **Each response must include at least two MLA cited pieces of evidence (quote from story) and analysis.  Put an * next to the response that you deem your best academic work of the entire reading review for each novel chosen.**

1.  What is the setting of this particular story and, specifically, how did this setting shape the events in the novel?

2.  Who is the protagonist in the novel? How do you know? Discuss his/her character traits, including the important ideas on life in general as well as this character's prejudices, ambitions, motivations, and conflicts.

3.  What is the turning point of the novel?  Why do you consider it the turning point?

4.  Describe the conclusion of the book/resolution of the plot.  Discuss why, in your opinion, it was/was not a satisfying ending.

5.  Cite a memorable passage from this book that you think is worth remembering. Document that passage using MLA documentation format. Explain why you have selected this particular passage from the book.

6.  Identify a significant change that occurs in one character, and describe what occurs as a result of that change.

7.  Discuss at least two "universal truths" that this book addresses.

8.  Analyze the author's use of any three literary techniques that you have studied (i.e. use of metaphoric language, symbolism, imagery, characterization etc.).

9.  Did you like how the book began/the plot's exposition, or did it take you a while to "get into" the book?   Discuss and present the reasons behind your answer to this.

10. Which character in this book did you like least?  Analyze why you think this based on actual events in the text.

11. If you were to direct a film version of your novel, which scene would you definitely include and which scene would you exclude?  Why?

12. How did this novel relate to any work you've previously studied?