

Summer Reading Requirement

For English 2 Honors

2019-2020

Read: The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Upon completion of the novel, three tasks will be performed. They are as follows:

1. As you read through the novel record YOUR thoughts, reactions, concerns, and predictions in a marble composition journal. You are NOT to write a plot summary for the chapters, or use any reference material to assist you in recording YOUR thoughts. If it is discovered that any reference material was used for any portion of the journal YOU WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CLASS. Write an entry for the following chapters:

Chapters 1-4

Chapters 5-7

Chapters 8-12

Chapters 13-18

Chapters 19-30

For a total of 5 entries, that are to be as long as they need to be in order to sufficiently record your thoughts, concerns, questions and predictions. This journal will be collected ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. ANY STUDENT WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE JOURNAL ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CLASS.

2. Prepare to orally present ONE of the following options in class on the first Monday of school.
 - a) Research the Dust Bowl and other events of the Great Depression. Try to obtain some of the famous pictures of poor farmers, migrant laborers and people on city food lines. Share what you see in the faces of the people, and RELATE THEM TO THE CHARACTERS IN THE NOVEL. DO NOT JUST DISCUSS THE GREAT DEPRESSION.
 - b) What is your definition of family? Is a family made up of only relatives? What keeps a family together? In what ways is your definition of family similar to Ma Joads? In what ways is Ma Joads different? Prepare a speech to explain. USE EXAMPLES FROM THE NOVEL TO SUPPORT YOUR CLAIMS.
 - c) Obtain a road map of the United States and trace the route taken by the Joads. Show the map and explain major events that occurred at specific locations. USE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES FROM THE NOVEL.

d) The political implications of the novel have been attacked. In what ways is the novel a criticism of capitalism? Does the novel advocate communism? Give a speech defending your opinion with evidence from the novel to support it.

3. After all the oral presentations are done, a written test on the novel will be given.

Student Signature

Date