

Summer Reading Requirement

For English 10 Honors

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 and concerns in a journal. This should not just be a plot summary. 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, which will be collected on the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

2. Prepare to orally present ONE of the following options on a date to be determined when you return to school in September.
 - 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 to characters in the novel.
 - 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 Joad's? In what ways is Ma Joad's different? Prepare a speech to explain.
 - 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.
 - 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