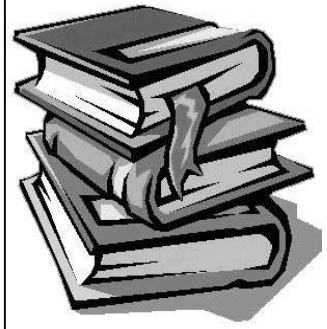


Summer Reading

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Grade 10



Words of Encouragement:

You've completed summer reading assignments before, but have you been pleased with the grade you received for your efforts? Did you ace your objective test? Remember, that test is on Day 3 of school. Start off on a positive note, and master the basic information about the novel during the summer. Follow these methods for success.

Please keep in mind that the summer reading constitutes 15% of your first quarter grade.

Tackling *Cry, the Beloved Country*

ISBN: 0743262174

For the book as a whole, make lists of:

- ❖ Characters that are related – how?
- ❖ Characters that interact – why?
- ❖ Characters – The main characters are fully fleshed out. Note their dynamic development. Minor characters are important too. What do the two families represent?
- ❖ Action & Plot Twists – Were you able to predict what would happen, or were you surprised? Why or why not? How do the land, tribe and nation relate? Think of the land as a possible character.
- ❖ Resolution – Consider Jarvis' grandson especially. Is there hope at the end?

Succeeding in Book Summaries

What is my teacher looking for?

You will demonstrate your writing skills, literary understanding and evidence of reading the book by completing a Response to Literature formatted paper for each book. The ability to find and discuss this on your own demonstrates a certain level of development in your literary analysis skills. Follow the Response to Literature format on page two of this newsletter for the two additional summer reading books you may select from the list which is posted on CCA's website.

Assessment Rubric

- ❖ 50% GRUMPS – Grammar, Reasoning, Usage, Mechanics, Punctuation, Spelling
- ❖ 50% Content – Intelligent, logical, thorough discussion

I am more interested in quality than quantity, but brevity can be a killer if your statements are not augmented with examples, details or proof.

Finally, don't hesitate to e-mail Miss Ciffa (bciffacca@gmail.com) if you are truly struggling with the reading at any point in the summer, or if you need a book approved that is not on the summer reading list.
