

English 10 Honors Summer Reading Assignment

If you are taking English 10 Honors in the fall, this is your required assignment: Read The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson.

As you read, think about the following topics and questions, addressing some of the matter in your notes:

1. Is the conflict man vs. man or man vs. society?
2. Who should be responsible for creating life?
3. Can science go too far?
4. Is it difficult to hide our darker side?
5. How does the pressure to succeed drive our choices?
6. What is meant by life and what is the meaning of living?
7. What innocence is lost due to experimentation?

Be prepared to write on any of these topics when we return to school. **Bring your notes and the book for the first day of class on August 18th.**

Now, you will be expected to create a dialectical journal to record your notes. This can be a composition notebook or binder, **all notebooks should be college-ruled**. Use a large one, as we will also read six additional outside reading books for the class and all require journals. The purpose of a dialectical journal is for you to take notes and interact with the text. You will use a format largely used by colleges around the nation. Please, handwrite the notes and do not type them. All work is expected to be your own.

First, record the title, author, publisher and date of publication on the first page. This is a ten-chapter text. You are expected to have one full page of notes per chapter. In each chapter, identify a passage of text at least twenty (20) words of text or longer that stands out to you as important in that chapter. Next, analyze it using the format below. You may use the format horizontally or vertically. Below is a demonstration of the latter.

Note Taking Side: Here you will write your quote, the page number you took it from and any notes that come to mind.

Note Making Side: (where you respond in the following ways)

Ask a question of the text in the chapter
Argue with the quote/statement you copied and question its importance.
Answer your question.
Pose a further question.
What literary devices does the author use?

When you complete each chapter, draw a line under your notes and write a summary of the pages read in your own words. This is so you will recall what you read. It does not have to be a blow-by-blow repetition of what you read, just four to five sentences so you may recall the key points and what you thought of the chapter.

Leave r-o-o-m on the page to revisit it and add more notes from our class discussion.

Then turn the page and begin the next chapter.

NOTE: using/referencing any internet based website for the completion may receive a "0" on this assignment.