

Honors English 9

2022 Summer Reading Assignment

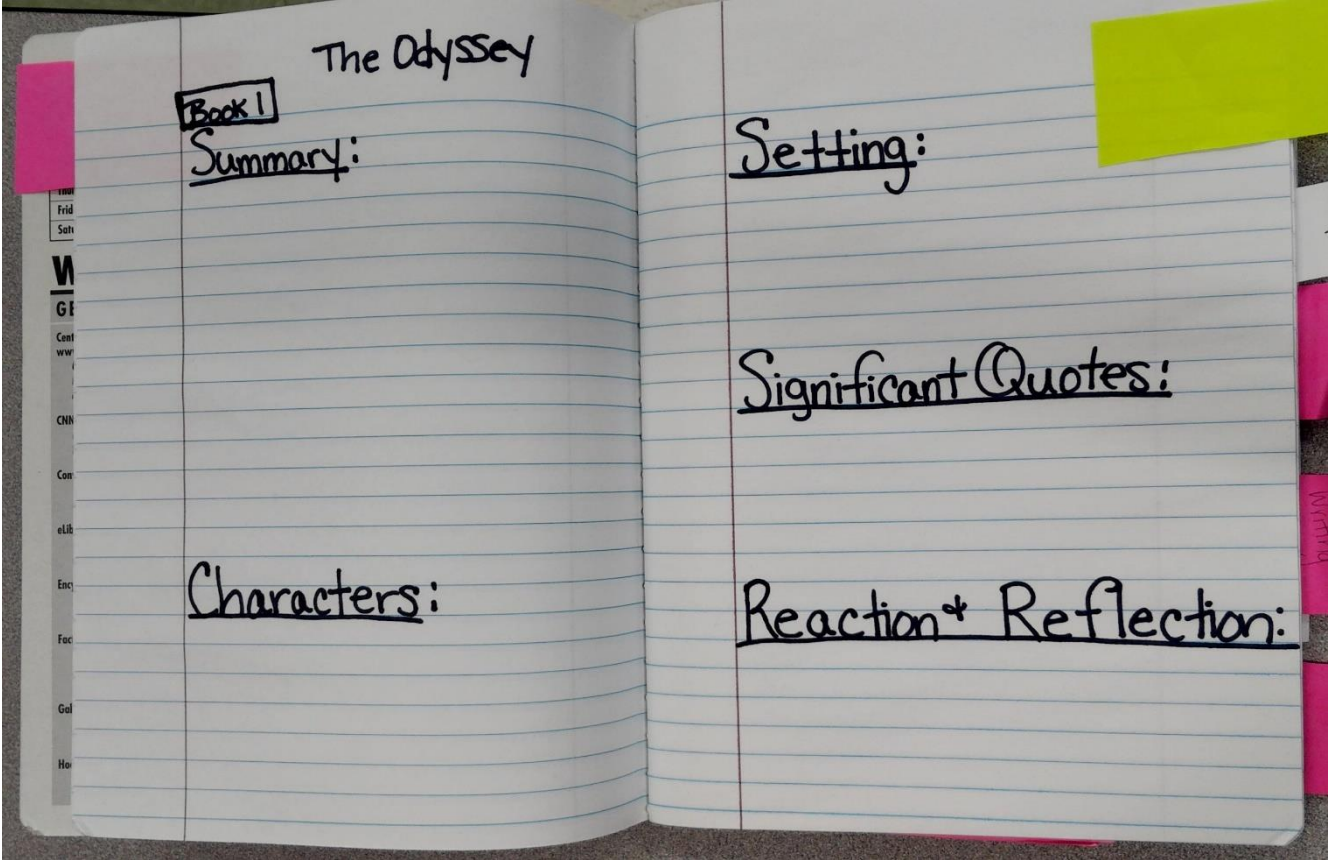
Welcome to 9th grade Honors English! Your summer reading assignment is to read and take notes over Homer's *The Odyssey*. Please follow these instructions:

1. You will need to obtain a copy of *The Odyssey*, either the Signet Classics version translated by W. H. D. Rouse or Penguin Classic book translated by Robert Fagles.
2. Also, you will need a composition notebook for annotating / notetaking as you read the book.
3. Assignment: For each chapter of *The Odyssey*, take specific notes in the composition notebook (notetaking requirements below). **Plan to fill at least TWO pages in your composition notebook per chapter and no more than THREE pages per chapter with notes.** You will need chapter notes for each of the 24 chapters of *The Odyssey*. *Effective readers can take note of what is happening and record it, rather than passively allowing their eyes to go over the words on the page.* These notes will be beneficial for you to use to prepare for a test and project at the beginning of the school year. The chapter notetaking should include the following:
 - **Chapter summary:** Paraphrase each book/chapter **in your own words!** Write about the plot and action that takes place; be sure to include characters and setting. **UNDERLINE** character names in your summary. **CIRCLE** the setting.
 - **Reflect on a significant quote** from each chapter (be sure to cite correctly!). Quotes may be important to a theme, symbolism, or character development. Reflect on the meaning and why you think that phrase is significant to the story.
 - **Reaction & Prediction:** Describe your feelings during each chapter and predict what you think may happen next.
4. You must read *The Odyssey* and bring your completed composition notebook of all 24 chapter notes by the **first day of school**. You will be signing a statement of academic integrity. All notes should be in your own words and not copied from the Internet. With that in mind, notes should be handwritten in your composition notebook rather than typed.

Enjoy your summer break and your time spent reading and annotating *The Odyssey*! We look forward to meeting you in August!

Lakota East Freshman Honors English Teachers

Here's an example of how to organize your *Odyssey* Notebook pages for 1 chapter / book:



As an honors English student, you will need to sign this at the beginning of your freshman year.
Keep in mind that we expect academic integrity as you complete your summer assignment.

Statement of Academic Integrity:

Plagiarism is copying and/or cheating from the internet or another students' work. A student caught plagiarizing will receive a zero for the assignment or test. There will be no opportunity to retake or resubmit. Copying and *changing a few words* is still copying and is easily identified, so **do not copy**. Most colleges and universities would suspend or expel students caught plagiarizing, so we feel it is important to stress the standards of academic integrity.

We ask that you and your parent/guardian sign below and turn this form in to your 9th grade English Teacher. Your signature indicates that this work belongs to **you**. Read carefully before you sign!

Plagiarism is clearly stated below to avoid any confusion:

Taking any part of a paper from another source, whether it be the internet, study guides (such as Cliff Notes or Spark Notes), or another student is plagiarism, even if it's one small part or a sentence. Pay attention because students don't always realize it's plagiarism: if you adapt an idea that you read somewhere without giving credit to your source, that is plagiarism. For example, if you read in *Spark Notes* that Dantes' emergence from the water is a symbolic baptism and you put that idea in your paper, you are guilty of plagiarism.

Reusing a paper from a previous school year and passing it off as knew is also cheating.

Copying assignments from other students is cheating—even if it's homework or a "small grade". This applies to copying even one answer. Also, copying someone else's work will result in the same consequence as plagiarism.

Copying from another's test or quiz is cheating, as is allowing another student to copy from your paper.

Receiving test questions from a student who has already taken the test is cheating. Giving test questions to a student who has yet to take a test is cheating.

If you receive help from another source (including parents and siblings) on a paper, help that goes beyond simple editing and suggestions is cheating. No part of your paper should be written or rewritten by someone else.

Please cut here and return to your 9th grade English/Language Arts Teacher in the first week of school.

We understand that work completed in Honors English 9 must be that of a student receiving credit for the class. We further realize that students caught cheating or plagiarizing, as defined above, will receive a zero for the assignment or test, with no chance to rewrite or retake. We understand that these standards for academic honesty apply throughout the school year.

I also acknowledge that I received the requirements for the Summer Reading Assignment and agree to complete it before the beginning of the school year.

(Print Student Name)

(Student Signature)

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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