

Honors English 9

Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to 9th grade Honors English! Below is a list of materials needed to complete your summer reading assignment:

Materials: background materials and assignments can be found online:

https://www.tes.com/lessons/pd1hnm_T0z0EcA/lakota-east-honors-english-9-summer-homework

1. You will need to obtain a copy of Signet Classics version of *The Odyssey*, translated by W. H. D. Rouse (cover price: \$5.95).
2. You will need a copy of *The Odyssey* study guide booklet. (Can also download at link above)
3. A copy of the “Statement of Academic Integrity” (attached) to be submitted in person at the beginning of the school year.

Assignment:

1. **Read and annotate Homer’s *The Odyssey* into your study guide notes packet.** Annotating texts is a vital skill for those who wish to excel and can only be mastered with practice. It also enables readers to become involved with the text, the first requirement in transforming their attitude toward it. Instead of passively allowing their eyes to go over the words on the page, effective readers can take note of what is happening and record it.
2. **Turn in a signed copy of the “Statement of Academic Integrity”** (second page of this packet) **to your 8th grade English/Language Arts Teacher prior to Wednesday, May 3rd.**

Statement of Academic Integrity:

1. **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.
2. We ask that you and your parent/guardian sign below and turn this form in to your 8th grade English Teacher. Your signature indicates that this work belongs to **you**. Read carefully before you sign!
3. Plagiarism is clearly stated below to avoid any confusion:
4. 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.
5. Reusing a paper from a previous school year and passing it off as new is also cheating.
6. 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.
7. Copying from another’s test or quiz is cheating, as is allowing another student to copy from your paper.
8. 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.
9. 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.

STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Please return this page to your 8th grade English/Language Arts teacher no later than May 3rd.

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 have received the requirements for the Summer Reading Assignment and agree to complete it before the beginning of the school year.

(Print Student Name)

(Print Student ID #)

(Student Signature) (Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)