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IB English III Summer Assignment

Congratulations on choosing the IB program. I am Mrs. Rollins, and I will be your IB English III HL teacher. Before you read anything else in this letter, please stop and do the following: join the IB English 3 cohort 2022 by texting the message @IBEng322 to 81010. Remind101 is the most important tool that I will use to communicate with you about things that are pertinent to the class. You may also email LRollins@scuc.txed, but the quickest way to get a response is via remind101.

In IB English III, we will focus on literature in its various genres and forms, including the novel, drama (play), poetry, and non-fiction narrative. In preparation for sound literary analysis to be done, you will need to read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, by Thomas C. Foster.

I encourage you to purchase your own copy of this text so that you can annotate it and use it again in future English classes, but if that is not practical, you may check out a copy from Clemens. If you need to check out a book, please send me a remind message or email me so that we can arrange pick up.

As you read, you will be asked to take notes in a composition notebook. This notebook will stay with you throughout your junior and senior year of English. Therefore it HAS TO be a composition notebook. It may not be a spiral. If you need a composition notebook, please contact me.

In your notebook, you will need to do the following:

1. Write your first and last name on the cover
2. Skip the first two pages. These will become your table of contents but we will set this up the first week of school.
3. On the third page, you will start your notes over the book. **This composition notebook will be due the third day of school.**

Genuinely engage your brain to apply what you're reading—consider how these elements may be found in the movies and texts you've already encountered. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO DO THIS! DO NOT DO YOUR NOTES ALL IN ONE DAY! DO THEM AS YOU READ!!!!**

Notes must conform to the format given below and must be handwritten. Typed notes will not work. All work must be original—**no collaborating or consulting outside sources.** On each page you will:

- Include chapter number and the title of the chapter at the top of the page. Each chapter should be a new page. You should write on the front and the back of the page.
- Include a statement of the central idea underneath the title.
- Under that, include an outline or list of key ideas/parts that make up chapter. Use as many bullet points you need.
- Include at least two key quotations from the text that capture resonant ideas from that chapter (with page citation).

Please see the example of what each page should look like.

<i>Write chapter number and full title on top line</i>
Chapter 1: Every Trip is a Quest (Except When It's Not)
<i>Statement of central idea of the chapter goes here, written in your own words</i>
The chapter suggests that . . .
<i>Follow central idea statement with a brief bulleted list or outline of the chapter</i>
There are five parts to the quest
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A quester• A place to go...•
<i>Follow your outline or bulleted list with at least two quoted sentences from the text that seem important or seem to elaborate upon the chapter's ideas.</i>
Important quotes from the chapter
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The format you should use is "quote" (author last name page #)• "here is the quote" (Foster 32)

Notes about the assignment:

- Notes must be handwritten. Typed notes will not work.
- You may NOT work with anyone else on this assignment.
- There is a revised version of the book. It is better if you get that one, but if it is not available, the original edition works as well.
- You DO need to write notes over the chapters titled interludes, postlude and envoi but NOT the chapter called Reading list.
- You DO need to read the test case. However, there is a certain order you should work on it. You should read the test case but stop at the subtitle "What Does the Story Signify". Then, in your composition notebook, write down your analysis of the story given what you have learned. This will give me a great idea of what you've gathered about literature analysis. Then read the second half of the chapter to see how accurate your analysis was.
- This notebook assignment is due the second week of school. In addition to this assignment being a grade, please note that we will work with this material the first few weeks in school, and there WILL be summative grades attached to your knowledge of this book.

Stay in contact. If you have ANY questions over the summer, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via remind or email.

Have a great summer. Read and review but also relax and recharge. Get ready to start your education as an IB student--it's going to be great. It's going to be hard work, but it will be worth it!!! See you in August.

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