

English III AP Summer Reading 2018

TEXT: *The Grapes of Wrath* – John Steinbeck

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- (1) Introduction: Watch the following video which will give you background information and historical information for the novel: <https://youtu.be/BRE8zjjADnE> (Google will get you there.)
- (2) You are to read and annotate this novel by John Steinbeck, focusing on characterization, setting, initial incidents, conflicts, climaxes, resolutions, and conclusions. The intercalary chapters are essays commenting on society in general. You will find an outline of the intercalary chapters attached to this assignment.
- (3) Written assignments: You will write 3 response journals of 350 – 400 words (typed following MLA format) for the following prompts. These journals will be turned in to www.turnitin.com by Monday, August 20th.

Assignment #1 – After reading Chapter 5, write a journal response in which you identify the theme of this chapter and explain how Steinbeck supports his main idea. Use embedded quotations – correctly documented – from the chapter as evidence of your thesis.

Assignment #2: In Chapter 27, Steinbeck comments on honesty. Identify the theme of this chapter stating it clearly as a universal statement in your thesis, then qualify, defend, or challenge Steinbeck’s claims and assumptions.

Assignment #3: Choose one intercalary chapter and analyze its function and importance to the novel as a whole. Be sure to identify which chapter you are discussing and establish the function of the chapter in your thesis statement. Consider the following which discussing:

- Why did Steinbeck include it? What is its purpose?
- What literary devices are used – imagery, point of view, irony, dialogue, foreshadowing, symbol/motif, etc. – to develop purpose. Use direct quotes and cite examples making sure that you explore their significance.
- How is this chapter connected to the overarching theme or message of the novel? Include at least one direct quote to support your assertion.

There can be no collaboration on any of these assignments. Any work that is not original thought will be considered plagiarism and will result in a grade of 0 for the assignment. Please do not refer to any sources in completing this assignment. USE YOUR BRAIN!

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