

You have been recommended for English IV Honors in the upcoming school year. It is a privilege and a great achievement to be accepted into the Honors program. Your placement in the class is contingent upon the completion of summer reading in preparation for class. For your summer reading assignment, you will be required to read two novels and watch one film.

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Part 1. Read *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson: Due 8/24

Answer these questions to completion:

Identify the most significant symbol in the novel and justify your choice.

State two possible themes in the novel, and support your position using quotations as justification.

Describe how the setting complements the primary themes of the novel.

*Please, be advised that I take academic integrity seriously. Reading the Spark notes or any other online notes version of this text will not suffice. We will begin our class for the year with a unit on this book and if you have not read it, your grade will suffer. It is a short novella and while it may be a bit difficult to read if you focus it should not take you long to complete this task.

Part 2. Novel/Movie Comparison

Read a book from the list below and watch the movie version in order to complete your assignment: Due 8/24

- a. *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden
- d. *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
- c. *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
- d. *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker

Write a journal response of three pages comparing the book and the movie. Include a *brief* summary, personal reactions (explain “why”), and criticisms (your own). Discuss the differences/similarities between the book and movie versions. Determine whether the director/producer was honest to the author’s range of intentions. Explain the reasons for and the effectiveness of any changes that were made. You may find and discuss similarities and/or differences in the following categories:

1. Setting
2. Characters
3. Point of View
4. Imagery and/or symbolism
5. Themes

*A thoughtful journal entry will provide notes for your formal essay that you will be writing this fall.

I am very excited about the adventure that lies ahead for us in your senior year. **If you have any questions, please call me at 352-955-6704 or email me at EHSEnglish4@gmail.com.**

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Franklin