

9th and 10th grade English Summer Reading Assignments

This summer we will be reading That was Then this is Now by S.E. Hinton You will then have a choice to read either Freshman Never Lie by David Lubar or Monster by Walter Dean Myers. Throughout the summer you will be working on an essay that we will complete in class that incorporates each of your summer assignments. You will be required to respond via e-mail to certain questions regarding your reading. Your responses will be graded and will serve as the basis for each in-class essay over your summer assignment. All written responses will be delivered to me via e-mail at lelaine.smith@yahoo.com no later than 11:59pm. All written responses must be in a Word document, 12 point font, Times New Roman, double spaced, 1” margins around and named “LAST NAME_assignment_1.doc (.docx or .rtf) . Also, know your word processing system; if you are using Microsoft works or notepad, you must save your document as an .rtf file in order for me to access your work. Failure to do so will result in a zero.

1. To complete some assignments (and submit them) you will need access to the internet.

Due June 5th – After reading the first half of That Was Then This Is Now:

2. Write a short answer (at least 2 paragraphs) to the following questions:
 1. What differences in the characters have you started to notice? Are they more mature, less mature, the same?
 2. What predictions can you make about possible endings for the characters?

Due June 19th – After you finish reading That was Then this is Now:

3. E-mail me your choice for your second book. You will have until June 26th to change your mind, but you must tell me if you are going to change books. After June 26th you may not change your selection.
4. Write a brief paper (1-2 pages) discussing the following two questions:
 - 1) How have the main characters changed since the end of the book The Outsiders?
 - 2) Are teenagers today worried about the same things that are mentioned in the books? How are they the same and/or different?

Due July 3rd – After starting to read your second book:

5. Write a short answer (at least 2 paragraphs) for the following questions:
 - ❖ Why did you choose the book?
 - ❖ What similarities and/or differences in the characters have you noticed so far between this character and the main characters in That was then this is now?

Due July 17th – After reading either Freshman Never Lie or Monster:

6. Compare and contrast the main characters in a 1-2 page paper answering the following question:

1. What similarities and/or differences are there between the main characters now that you have finished reading both books? Are they the same as what you first thought or different? Are there more or less similarities and/or differences?
2. How would a stronger relationship with God change or help the situations and characters in the book?

Due July 31st – Using the internet locate 2 historical events that occurred during the time periods your books are set (you should have a total of 4 events). Send me an explanation of each event and for each event answer the following question:

- ❖ How did these events influence the authors writing?

Due the first day of school – Bring your original responses and a “work’s cited” that includes any sources you used to answer the questions.

Notes:

- .edu and .org are the best sites to use.
- Wikipedia is not an acceptable resource.
- Visit the OWL (online writing lab) <http://owl.english.purdue.edu> for help with your writing and also on how to do a works cited in MLA format.
- **Plagiarism will not be tolerated.**
- If you have any questions at anytime during the summer let me know as soon as possible so that I can help you before it becomes a problem.

