

Senior Summer Reading-2019

Due on August 16, 2019

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It is always good to deal with complex texts alone. It helps us be independent readers and be ready for the adventures that lie before us (whether that is ACT/SAT or college classes). So embrace your summer reading and allow yourself to grow as a reader and writer!

Texts- You will read two books :

- 1) *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*- Signet Classic Translation by Burton Raffel Everyone will purchase and read this poem.
- 2) Choose one of the following:
 - A) *Dead Man Walking*, Sister Helen Prejean
 - B) *Alice in Wonderland/Through the Looking Glass*, Lewis Carroll(there is a \$5.98 version available at Barnes and Noble)
 - C) *Everything, Everything*, Nicola Yoon
 - D) *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis
 - E) *My Father's Gift*, Sixtus Atabong(you may check out this book from Ms. Baake for the summer)

Projects-Everyone

- 1) *Sir Gawain* -mark the text
 - a) Read the introduction which begins on page 43. This will give you a summary of the poem and show you what to look for as you read.
 - b) Underline the parts that deal with Mary on page 47. Highlight parts that will help you understand the plot. (Use your highlighter at least times)
 - c) Circle two words you do not know. Define in the margins.
 - d) Highlight in yellow 5 quotes in the text that you find interesting and important. Underline 3 times that Sir Gawain deals with temptation.
- 2) Complete packet on *Sir Gawain*

3) Be ready for a quiz on this poem after school starts:

Now choose one project for the second book you have read:

1) *Everything, Everything*

2) Choose two of the following essay prompts below and write a one page –typed essay. Use excellent grammar and spelling. This paper should be well organized.

3) Dr. Pauline Whittier – Describe and discuss Dr. Pauline Whittier. How would you characterize the relationship with Dr. Whittier and Madeline? Is Pauline a protagonist or an antagonist? How do you see the relationship change over the novel?

4) This book is written in many different forms-messages, charts, forms. Did you like this or find it distracting? What does this add to the book?

5) Identity How does Madeline see herself in the beginning of the novel? How does the way she sees herself change over the course of the novel? Her identity in the beginning was largely shaped by her mother. Explore the changes of this dynamic character, Madeline.

6) Outside. What was Madeline’s life like when she could not go outside? What did she miss in life? How did she deal with the loneliness and solitude?

Please note: You will have a quiz over this novel.

2) *The Screwtape Letters*

1) What is free will in your opinion? Screwtape mentions free will and he says it does not benefit devils when humans have it. Explain your ideas and Screwtape’s in ½ page.

- 2) What can we as Christians learn from looking at life from a devil's point of view? What should we be careful of? One page.
- 3) During the war, thousands of people may turn to the Enemy. Why? Explain. ½ page
- 4) Write two letters to Screwtape. Respond to his plots and ideas as a Christian. Demonstrate understanding of the novel in your responses.
- 5) There will be a quiz over this novel in August.

3) *My Father's Gift*

- 1) Sixtus does not have an easy childhood. He has problems at boarding school among many other things. Summarize his challenges growing up. One page.
- 2) Sixtus uses his experiences as a young man to form future goals. Explain in ½ page.
- 3) Sixtus is inspired by God and his faith. Discuss. Also explain the actions that his faith inspires. One page.
- 4) Sixtus and his wife come from different faith backgrounds. Discuss their relationship and how they reconcile their differences. ½ page.
- 5) Quiz after school begins in August.

4) *Alice in Wonderland/Through the Looking Glass*

- 1) Pre-reading: As a child, did you encounter this story? If so, how? Did you see a movie or read a children's version of the book? What do you remember about it? If you did not ever encounter this book at a young age, what stories did you like as a child? ½ page
- 2) Write a well-written paragraph with a topic sentence about each of the following characters. Describe their appearance, character and their relationship to Alice: Queen of Hearts, Mock Turtle, Duchess, March Hare, Dinah.
- 3) Get a poster board. Trace the journey Alice takes by making a road map. You will include where she is, who she meets and her condition for each new location she is in.

- 4) What is it like to read this book as a young adult? Write about views and experiences of reading this classic and include 4 quotes you liked a lot and tell about them. One page.
- 5) Quiz after school begins in August.

5) *Dead Man Walking*

Dead Man Walking:

- 1) Pre-reading: Write about your opinions of the death penalty. The essay is one page. This is a first draft. Why do you feel the way you do?
- 2) Research death row in Texas. How many people are on death row now? How are they killed? Where are they killed? What are the conditions like in a death row cell? Write at least one half page and have a works cited page.
- 3) How do you feel about Sister Helen's actions? Discuss mistakes she makes along the way. Did her actions change the way you see the death penalty? One page paper.

Project for your religion teacher

In *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, Sir Gawain is tempted. Write a paragraph describing the temptations and what helped him through it.

In your second paragraph, look at temptations that young people face today.

Paragraph three: How can our faith keep us strong? What advice could you give to those facing temptations?

Mary helped Sir Gawain! Turn into your religion teacher and English teacher.

Checklist for seniors

- 1) _____ purchase *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, Signet Classics, Translation by Burton Raffel.
- 2) _____ choose a second novel. Purchase or perhaps borrow from Ms. Baake.
- 3) _____ Complete activities. Read the directions carefully.
- 4) _____ All students complete the assignment for the religion teacher.
- 5) _____ Please purchase *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon for our fall reading novel. Have by the first day of school.
- 6) _____ Questions? Email Ms. Baake this summer with concerns. lbaake@ctkcathedralschool.org
- 7) _____ Write the following statement. This work is my own. It reflects my own thoughts. I have not plagiarized. (signature)