

ENGLISH 11/12 (REGULAR)

SUMMER READING 2011

FIRST ASSIGNMENT

MERE CHRISTIANITY BY C. S. LEWIS

As you read your Summer Reading novel, you are to complete a detailed reading log responding to a series of questions. In your reading log, answer each question in detail and in complete sentences. You must use specific quotes from the book for questions 2 through 5. This process will be used for ALL outside reading assigned during the year.

BRING A COPY OF BOTH NOVELS, YOUR SUMMER READING LOG, AND YOUR NOTES TO CLASS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS

- Font: Times New Roman
- Size: 12
- Heading (required):
Name
Summer Reading Assignment
Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis
English 11 or English 12
- Responses: Each response must include both the number and title of the writing response listed below. Responses are to include at least three (3) supporting examples and points, using quotes and situations from the novel.

QUESTIONS

1. **Before you begin reading:**
React to the title of the book. What might it mean? Share your expectations. Locate a reputable source and read some background information about the author. How might his/her own background play a role in this particular book?
2. **After reading the first chapter:**
Predict what you think will happen in the rest of the book and explain why you think so. Correctness does not count here; make an educated guess and provide a realistic explanation.
3. **When you are half-way through the book:**
Summarize the problems that are presented. Suggest possible solutions which might develop and explain why you find these solutions logical.
4. **Just before the last chapter:**
Have the problems been settled? How? If the problems are not settled, what is unresolved? What might the last chapter add to the book?
5. **After you finish the book:**
In a journal entry, make a personal response to the book. What personal connections can you make to the book? What characters, conflicts, or scenes of the book were most compelling to you and why? Look back at your original prediction and discuss your accuracy.

SECOND ASSIGNMENT

CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY BY ALAN PATON

This novel is to be completed by the first day of school, but does not require a reading log. Take notes on the characters, setting, plot, and themes as you read. Bring a copy of the novel and your notes to class on the first day of school.

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