

Schaumburg High School
AP Language and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

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Rhetors,

Welcome to AP Language and Composition! In this class, you will grow as a thinker, reader, and writer. We have created a summer reading assignment to help you succeed in the class and on the AP test.

Part I: *Devil's Highway* Rhetorical Analysis Triple-Entry Journal

Assignment 1: Read and annotate the book.

Assignment 2: Complete the attached Triple-Entry Journal chart for *Devil's Highway*.

You will have ten total entries. For each entry, you will need to do the following:

- 1) In the first column, write down an important quote from the text and cite it in MLA format, i.e. "Quote from the text" (Urrea #). Important quotes are quotes which are either rich stylistically, make a significant point or argument, provide evidence for a previously-given argument, question a different idea or statement, etc.
- 2) In the second column, explain what the intended impact of that quote on the target audience is. In other words, what is the author trying to make the audience think, feel, or do as a result of this quote?
- 3) In the third column, write down a reflection on the quote. You can do so by: connecting to another passage or quote from the text; connecting to real-world experience, news, or events; extending the argument within the passage; or by posing a question that the passage induces--be sure to posit an answer, though.

****Be sure to type your responses directly into the chart, print it out, and bring it to class on the first day after summer break.**

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Part II: *The Crucible* Argumentative Essays (2)

Assignment 1: Read and annotate the book.

Essay Prompt 1: In Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, Reverend Hale tells Elizabeth Proctor that "no principle, however glorious" is worth dying for, and he argues that it is better to give a false confession than to die for a principle of belief.

Write an essay where you defend or refute Hale's assertion using evidence from *The Crucible* to support your stance. Use multiple pieces of evidence from the text. (note: Your argument should be central. This is not an analysis essay. You are using the text to make an argument).

Essay Prompt 2: Choose one character from *The Crucible*. Then, write an essay in which you argue whether that character's actions throughout the drama are selfish or sacrificial. Is the character a hero or villain?

Use multiple pieces of evidence from the text. (note: Your argument should be central. This is not an analysis essay. You are using the text to make an argument).

Essay Requirements

Your essays must

- ☐ Be about 1.5 pages ([MLA Format, Double Spaced, TNR, 12 pt. Font](#), etc).
- ☐ Contain a brief introduction that ends with a thesis that fully answers the prompt
 - ☐ Introduction should introduce the reader to the topic.
 - ☐ Introduction does not have to cover all of human history.
- ☐ Two ACEDIT paragraphs
 - ☐ Since your argument is central be careful that your deconstruct and impact are focused on making a claim
 - ☐ Don't just analyze
- ☐ A conclusion

Devil's Highway Triple-Entry Journal Chart

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