

11th Grade- Honors Summer Reading

These assignments are due the second day of school. If not turned in, you will be placed in regular English- NO EXCEPTIONS!

Part One- Read *Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane and *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave.*

For each book, complete all of the following to be turned in the second day of school. Discussion and/or quizzes may be given when we return so please read thoroughly. Do not read use Spark Notes or Shmoop while researching for any of these topics. All typed papers will be submitted to Turnitin. Instructions for Turnitin are at the end of these directions.

Part 1- *The Red Badge of Courage* (parts of this might be easier if listening to an audio version)

- Read a summary of Stephen Crane's life from a reliable source. This will help get context for his writing.
- Crane is known for his tendency to be a Naturalist in his writing style. Look up and study what a naturalist writer uses when he writes. He also was a poet and was known as an imagist. Look up a brief definition so you understand as you read.
- After reading the book write a 3-page paper that traces the Naturalistic tendencies in his writing of *Red Badge of Courage*. Give specific evidences from the book itself with page numbers.
- Also include in this paper his use of Christian themes and imagery. Cite from the book however, do not let this paper become one citation after another. Flow it together to show continuity in thought. Please be sure to cite at least two other experts who have studied Stephen Crane's work as well. This paper needs a works cited page as well. (Do not use sources from online if they do not have an author's name attached to them.) 12 font, double spaced.

Part 2 - *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*

. Research the following topic and develop a 2-3-page paper detailing and discussing your findings. As you write, include proper **MLA documentation and a works cited page**. If you are unsure about how to do in-text citations or the works cited page, please refer to <http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/research/mla.html> . Paper should be typed and double-spaced.

- In the 1840s, when Douglass wrote his antislavery narrative, the abolitionist movement was gaining momentum in both the United States and Britain opened the eyes of many as to the cruelty of slavery. Research and discuss several of the following from his book: theme, symbolism, point of view, or literary devices that helped him accomplish his goal and purpose overall.

Part 3-Read "Way to Wealth" by Ben Franklin. This is a 50-page essay that uses aphorisms and pithy sayings to prove Franklin's point. Take notes on the essay as you read. Mark aphorisms that stand out to you and note why he was saying them and in what context. What was his overall purpose in this work? Do you agree or disagree? Do you think it is still relevant today? There will be a quiz on this shortly after you return to school. Be familiar with the content of this essay.

Turnitin instructions- If you are a former student and you already have a TURNITIN account then please log in and use the drop down box to find my name to add your summer reading assignments. You will submit the **Red Badge of Courage** as one assignment and **Frederick Douglass** research paper as a second assignment. They must both be submitted by **AUGUST 10 by 11:59**. A HARD copy of both assignments must also be brought to class the next day.

If you are NEW to TKA, please log in to Turnitin and follow the prompts that are given. The password for my class is Englishrocks and the ID # is 15086376

I am on my computer all throughout the summer. Please email me if you have any concerns.
N.Stack@tka.net Looking forward to seeing you soon!