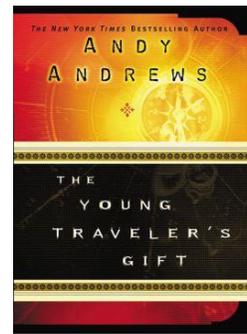


2017 English IV Summer Reading:

The Young Traveler's Gift by Andy Andrews



Writing Assignment:

A parable is defined as a simple story that is used to illustrate a spiritual lesson (Webster 2013). While reading *The Young Traveler's Gift*, take detailed, HANDWRITTEN reading notes on the separate parts of the main character's journey: specifically, who he meets and what they discuss. Once you finish reading, consider what the overall effect of the journey has on the protagonist. Then write a formal essay on how *The Young Traveler's Gift* is a parable. Cite specific examples from the text to prove your point. You must cite biblical parallels for comparison and IN ADDITION TO the rest of your analysis.

Due Date:

Your essay is due to TurnItIn by 11:59 pm on the first day of school – August 10th. A hard copy is due to me in class on the second day of school. On the 11th, your teacher will also be collecting your handwritten reading notes. There will also be a test over the book during the second day of school.

TurnItIn Log-in Information:

Log-in info will be provided by the teachers on the first day of school. Have an electronic copy of your essay on your device for the first day of school. You will be submitting it to TurnItIn during class on the first day.

*****A few notes:** this writing is the first example of your work that your teacher will see. It needs to be a reflection of your work ethic and ability. Be sure to carefully craft a thoughtful, analytical response to the question. In essence, you are writing this essay to show your teacher that you read, understood and analyzed the book and the author's purpose.

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Assignment Grading Rubric:

English IV Grading Rubric

The Young Traveler's Gift Essay

Clear thesis _____/10

Clear claims _____/10

Textual evidence to support claims
_____/10

Christian parables discussed
_____/20

Evidence provided to support biblical
standpoint _____/10

Grammar & mechanics _____/10

MLA formatting _____/10

Works Cited _____/10

TOTAL: _____/100