

Junior Honors English III Summer Work

Read the following novels:

Murder on the Orient Express

Brave New World

Assignment

Each essay must be at least three paragraphs with at least four sentences in each. Each essay will be worth 33 points. Essays must be typed. They may be submitted by the second day of class in hard copy or to the Google Classroom to which you will be assigned on the first day of class. In addition to this assignment, the novel will be discussed in class, and a test will be given on each novel which will be used as a major test grade for the 1st quarter. Be sure to read the Tips and Resources section at the end of this assignment.

Do all three assignments

1. Find an Internet article that critiques Brave New World or an article that analyzes some aspect of the novel. Read the critique and in your own words summarize the main points and important information. Then give your reaction to the article. Include a bibliography, which will be 5 points of the grade. This will serve as the starting point for our first writing assignment - How to Summarize. (35 points)
2. Discuss the method of deductive reasoning used in Murder on the Orient Express and at what point you were able or not able to use the clues to solve the murder. (35 points)
3. Research a modern mystery writer and discuss his or her style of writing and why he or she is popular. Make sure you include at least 2 novels. 30 points

Remember that reading good literature is the best way to prepare for the SAT's.

Tips and Resources

- The bibliography should be in MLA (Modern Language Association) format. The following link to Purdue University is an excellent guide to the format. Note the menu on the left to find out how to cite your specific kind of source (i.e. book, website, journal study, etc.) Link:
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_style_introduction.html
- This link is a good guide to summarizing. It makes reference to some other terms you may need to know - quotation, paraphrase and summary. For this assignment, the first part of your essay is a summary. The second part is your reaction, which is a different kind of writing called an argumentative essay. We will cover that in class.

A **quotation** is a direct copy of the original author's words and must be inside quotation marks and include a direction citation.

A **paraphrase** is restating the author's ideas in your own words.

A **summary** is briefly stating the thesis and supporting ideas of an article in your own words.

Link: <https://www.homeworkhelpglobal.com/us/blog/how-to-summarize-an-article/>

- **Plagiarism** is copying the words and ideas of another writer without giving them credit. For this assignment, I suggest not reading study guides such as sparknotes or Cliffs Notes, etc. The temptation to copy is both insidious and hard to resist for some students. If you are caught plagiarizing on any assignment, you will receive a 0 for the assignment.

- **MOVIES** - There are newer movie versions of *Murder on the Orient Express* and *Brave New World*. I understand the first is rather good and I have not seen the second. However, there are significant differences between the movies and the books that will hinder your discussion of the books if you have not read them. If you choose to watch the movies, make sure you have also read the books. I will know if you only watched the movie.