

Summer Reading Project - 2018

Required Test: *The Once and Future King*; by T.H. White  
 (recommended ISBN: 0-441-00383-4, new or used)

This summer reading is the story of King Arthur, a cornerstone of British tradition. This series of four sections is the retelling of the Arthur legends, from his birth to the end of his reign. You will be reading Book 1 and Book 3. (Please note: study notes are not a problem *as a supplement*, but movies are discouraged as there are a variety of stories and many do not follow the novel you are reading. ☺)

Requirements:

1. Read Book 1- “The Sword and the Stone,” and Book 3- “The Ill-Made Knight” entirely.
2. The reading and the assignments (listed below) are due on the first day of school.
3. Be prepared for essays and discussion when school resumes.
4. Be prepared to find, cite, and explain examples of literary devices such as: symbolism, irony, personification, foreshadowing, and conflict.

Helpful suggestions for reading: (and will be helpful in class assignments)

1. Highlight confusing words or important passages making notations or questions.
2. Briefly summarize each chapter or important ideas in the books.
3. Chart the main characters and record attitudes, beliefs, or behaviors that contribute to the story.

FYI- Throughout the year students may submit “marked” books from assignments such as *Once and Future King* for a replacement quiz grade. There are certain guidelines to get this replacement quiz grade. If you are interested in earning this please email me for details. It will be due at the end of Book IV which will be completed in class. (All 3 books will need to be marked for this grade.)

Assignments: (2 parts)

Book I: T.H. White is making a statement to his reader about the value of education through Merlin and his lessons with Wart. From the story, identify events in the story that demonstrate what White may teaching us. You should have no less than 5 entries. This can be done journal entries with each element clearly marked as the example below. (Do not use more than 2 of the transformations- this is not about Merlin’s lessons for Wart, but his lessons for the reader!) Each entry should be : single spaced; each section labeled; and the following entry on the same page if room permits. Make sure to include chapter and page numbers with the quote.

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| <p>Lesson 1:</p><br><p>Quote:</p><br><p>Explanation:</p> |
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Book III: T. H. White describes the life of a knight. He defines code of chivalry and the search for the Holy Grail. Write an essay about one of the following: (Remember to use quotes with in-text citations for support.)

1. Identify and define one characteristic of the code of chivalry, such as honor, courtesy, bravery, etc. Then explain why this should be part of the code. Then in a concluding paragraph make a comparison to the Christian’s “moral code.”

**OR**

2. Define and describe what the search for the Holy Grail is according to White. Explain why the knights want to search for the grail and how or if they can succeed. Then in a concluding paragraph make a correlation to this journey and the journey of a Christian in this life.

**Grading:**

Assignment one: (Book 1)

1. Each journal entry should have each element (lesson, quote, and explanation) clearly identified.
2. Each entry will be graded for:
  - (1) accuracy of story, (2) Details and explanation, (3) use of citations.
3. Each paragraph should be typed, single-spaced. The citations from the book should be parenthetical [Book, Chapter, page (III, 2, p)].
4. Each entry is worth 10 points.
5. Include MLA heading at the beginning of the first page only.

Assignment 2: (Book 3)

1. The essay should include an introduction which identifies the characteristic of the code (1) or the Holy Grail (2).
2. The essay should have a body paragraph that should describe and explain either the characteristic of the code (1) or the Holy Grail (2).
3. Concluding paragraph that explains the parallel to the Christian's moral cord (1) or the Christian life (2).
4. Essay should be in ML format including a heading, double spacing, and Font Times New Roman 12.
5. Essay should be 1 ½ - 2 pages.

Grade: Assignment 1 = Quiz    Assignment 2 = Quiz grade    Assignment 1 & 2 = Test

If you have any questions, please contact me via email. I will be available after August 1.  
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