English 10 Honors Summer Reading List and Essay Requirements
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You are required to read two books this summer. All the books on this list are taken from the AP English Literature and Composition Exam, so I suggest you read more; however, you are only required to read two.

Choose TWO from this list:
- The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
- East of Eden by John Steinbeck
- A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
- The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck
- The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Assignment #1:
As you read, pay attention to the topics and issues raised by the author about society and/or humanity itself. Once you have finished reading each novel, your task is to research current events to find (3) reliable articles that discuss the topics and issues raised in the novel. These sources must come from reputable news outlets such as The New York Times, U.S. News and World Report, Time Magazine, The New Yorker, CNN, etc.

As you read these articles, you are required to demonstrate close reading in the form of annotations on the article itself. These annotations should include summary comments, connections, key details, questions, unknown vocabulary, etc.

For each article selected, you must then compose a summary paragraph and an analytical paragraph. The summary paragraph should include the five W's and H (who, what, where, when, why, and how) found within the article. The summary should contain minimal direct quotes from the article. The analytical paragraph should explain the connection between the article and the novel. Direct quotes or paraphrases from the article should be used when necessary to fully explain the connection(s) between the two.

Assignment #2:
Once you have completed the above assignment, your final task is to compose a 5-paragraph essay in response to the following prompt for one of the two novels.
Using specific textual examples from the novel and examples from today’s society, explain the relevance of the novel to today’s society. This essay must be accompanied by a Works Cited and must include all necessary internal citations. ***If you are unsure of how to format the Works Cited or internal citations, the Purdue Owl site is a good reference.

The essay must adhere to the following guidelines:
1. Your essay must be typed in 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double-spaced with one-inch margins on all sides, and at least two pages long. Use MLA format for your paper headings.

2. Your sources should be limited to the TEXT and ARTICLES ONLY. DO NOT USE spark notes, pink monkey, cliff notes, or any other outside source.
3. You need an introduction that grabs the reader’s interest. Your thesis statement should include the book title and author as well as reveal the overall controlling idea of the paper. The thesis statement should be the last sentence in the introduction.

4. Each of the three body paragraphs must make a point that relates directly back to your thesis. Each body paragraph should include the following components.
   - Topic Sentence
   - Main Idea Sentence
   - Textual Support
   - Commentary
   - Main Idea Sentence
   - Textual Support
   - Commentary
   - Main Idea Sentence
   - Textual Support
   - Commentary
   - Concluding Sentence

5. The conclusion should begin with the thesis restated in a different way, and include a general summary of what was discussed. Make sure that you do not repeat what has already been said or introduce new information.

6. The essay will be graded (100 points) using the PSSA writing rubric.

***All work is due on Monday, August 13. You must hand in your articles along with each corresponding summary and analysis. Please provide two copies of the essay so that I can grade one and keep the other on file. All work must be typed. No hand-written work will be accepted.