



Rising Eleventh Grade Summer Reading

You are required to read two books for this summer's summer reading assignments: *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway and a book of your choosing from the provided 9th-12th Grade Recommended Reading List.

Assignment I:

The Old Man and the Sea is a relatively short twentieth-century novel. It tells the story of a Cuban fisherman pursuing a giant marlin.

After completing the novel, please write a 5-paragraph essay outlining 3 prevalent characteristics of Santiago. You may use the following thesis statement or write your own.

Thesis: In Santiago, the central character of *The Old Man and the Sea*, Ernest Hemingway has created a hero who personifies honor, courage, and endurance.

Each body paragraph will need to include at least one quote from the book as evidence of the characteristic being discussed. Do not forget in-text citations! Printed copies of this paper, typed in **MLA format**, will be due on the first day of school.

Assignment II:

For the book you choose, please **outline** a 5-paragraph essay describing one character in the story. The information in the **outline** will be the basis for a brief presentation you will give "as" your character during the first week of school.

Begin with a thesis statement which makes a claim about your character and three qualities or actions that exemplify your position (as in the thesis provided for Santiago). The outline's first section (**I**) should also include some general background information that would lead directly to your thesis statement.

Each of the outline's three following parts (**II-IV**) should present each character quality or action in turn, providing specific examples from the book. In each section, include at least one direct quotation from the text you could use in a completed paper.

The final section (**V**) should outline your restatement of the original thesis along with any application or conclusion you would anticipate making for the reader of your paper.

In addition to your typed (double-spaced, point 12 font size, using Times New Roman font) outline, please bring a copy of your book (or a receipt from the library to prove you borrowed it) on the first day of class to receive full credit. We will begin character presentations on the second day of school. Props or costumes are not required but can earn additional credit.

If you have questions about the summer assignments, please email Mr. Smith at tsmith@tcsopelika.org.

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