

Coral Springs Charter School
English IV Honors and Advanced Placement
Summer Reading Assignment
Summer 2010

All 12th grade language arts Honors and AP Literature students are required to read the school-wide summer novel *as well as* the following novel and assignment. If your student has selected high school honors for language arts in the twelfth grade, or could possibly be placed in that level, the following book **will be assessed upon the student's entry into his/her language arts class. The essay is due in hand on the first day of class.**

Wuthering Heights

by Emily Bronte

Available at most bookstores.

The following assignment is due upon returning to school August, 2010. Should the student not have language arts until the second block in January 2011, then the assignment will be due the first day of class in January.

Read the novel carefully. Jotting notes in a Reader's Log is recommended to keep track of your impressions, unfamiliar words, and questions as you move through the story.

Tip: Wuthering Heights is a challenging read. You may find it more engaging to begin with Chapter IV, but remember to read the opening chapters before you begin writing your essay.

Select a topic from the two below and devise a thesis statement that addresses the entire prompt. Then, quote examples from the text, with internal citing, that demonstrate your points. Don't forget to write a conclusion.

Choice 1. Choose a complex and important character in Wuthering Heights who might—on the basis of the character's actions alone—be considered evil or immoral. In a well-organized essay, explain both how and why the full presentation of the character in the work makes us react more sympathetically than we otherwise might. Avoid plot summary. (based on CB, 1979)

Choice 2. In Wuthering Heights, no scene of violence exists for its own sake. In a well-organized essay, explain how the scene or scenes contribute to the meaning of the complete work. Avoid plot summary. (based on CB, 1982)

Formatting notes

- Essays must be typed, double-spaced, and three to five pages in length. Use a standard 12-point font.
- This is NOT a research paper; therefore, please DO NOT explore the library or the internet for answers.
- Because you do not have a time limit on this essay, it is expected that your work will be polished. Organization, grammatical mechanics, usage, and spelling will be considered in the grading.
- See the The OWL at Purdue website for information on internal citation:
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/02/> (Use Author-Page style)