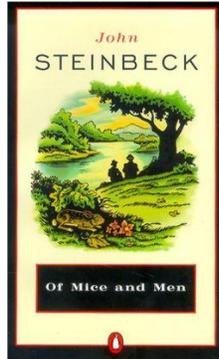


Incoming 9th Pre-AP English Summer Reading ~ 2016

Dear Students:

ALL incoming 9th grade Pre-AP ELA students **are required to read the following novel over the summer**. Evaluation of your reading will take place the **first week** of the course.



You can find this book at places like:

1. Borders
2. Barnes & Noble
3. Amazon.com
4. Half Price Books
5. Local Library

They are an unlikely pair: George is "small and quick and dark of face"; Lennie, a man of tremendous size, has the mind of a young child. Yet they have formed a "family," clinging together in the face of loneliness and alienation.

Laborers in California's dusty vegetable fields, they hustle work when they can, living a hand-to-mouth existence. For George and Lennie have a plan: to own an acre of land and a shack they can call their own. When they land jobs on a ranch in the Salinas Valley, the fulfillment of their dream seems to be within their grasp. But even George cannot guard Lennie from the provocations of a flirtatious woman, nor predict the consequences of Lennie's unswerving obedience to the things George taught him.

Submission Deadline

- You will submit your summer assignment during the first week of school.
- *This assignment will count as a grade for the 1st six weeks.*

Summer Reading Assignment

1. **Dialectical Journals- YOU MUST WRITE 20 ENTRIES.** Dialectical journals are journals in which the reader records a mental conversation with the text. **(SEE ATTACHED EXAMPLE)**

You can use these journals to:

- Summarize and question
 - Pose questions
 - Read closely for details, images, diction, etc.
 - Notice patterns
 - Write analysis and make connections
 - Connect method to purpose, effect, and meaning
 - Make choices about evidence
 - Document quotes
 - Make inferences about characters, symbols, etc.
2. **Writing Assignment-** Write a 3-4 page essay comparing and contrasting Lennie and George. Analyze why they were friends and what each got from the friendship. **The essay must be typed in MLA format.**

WARNING: Do not wait until the last minute. This reading is for your own good. We expect you to do your *own* work. Plagiarism will result in an automatic “0”.

Have a safe summer,

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