

## English II Honors Summer Reading Requirements 2017

### *Animal Farm* – George Orwell

### *The Scarlet Pimpernel* – Baroness Emmuska Orczy

- Students will submit dialectical journals based on summer reading on the first day of class.
- Students will take an objective test on each novel on the second or third day of class.
- Students will write an essay on some aspect of each novel after class discussion on the third day of class.

1. Read each book in an unabridged edition. Note that reading abridged editions or other supplements such as Cliff Notes, Spark Notes, etc. does not complete this assignment. You may certainly read any of these helps or watch a movie on either of these novels in addition to reading it from cover to cover.

2. It is a good idea to purchase a copy of the novel, since it helps to take marginal notes but this is not required. However, you will need a copy of the novel when we are discussing it and writing the essay in August.

**Dialectical Journals: This should be written AS you read the novel, not after you finish. This is your conversation with the book.**

3. Identify at least **ten new words** from each of the novels. Make a special section of your journal for vocabulary. Write the word, definition, sentence from the novel and page number of each word in your journal.

4. Create a double entry journal, which is a type of two column entry note-taking. It helps readers construct meaning from what they read, personalize what they read, and write down questions and insights gained from the reading. These entries should have **quotes** and **page numbers** in the left column; they should have questions, explanations and predictions in the right column. The requirement is **20 quotes! You should not simply summarize the plot!** Each novel's journal should be about 10 hand-written pages in length. **It must cover the entire scope of the novel. There should be entries from every significant part, including the conclusion of the novel.** It may be typed or hand-written, but must be legible and neat.

\* If this reading is too much for you, please reconsider being in the Honors class. Let your parents and the school office know if you change your mind.

Please begin reading before the end of June, or you will not give these novels the attention they deserve.

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