

Summer Reading Assignment

9th - 12th Grade

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Assignment: Major Works Data Sheet

You will be required to read a specific text by grade level. The works selected appear as recommended texts in the Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards for English Language Arts and serve as exemplars of literature:

- 9th grade: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- 10th grade: *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- 11th grade: *Billy Budd* by Herman Melville
- 12th grade: *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad

You need to dissect the chosen novel for its literary merit. Each student must complete a major works data sheet. This data sheet should be typed in 12-point font, double-spaced, with 1" margins all around. It should include:

1. The novel's title, author, date of publication, and genre
2. Historical information about the period of publication (no more than 100 words)
3. Biographical information about the author (no more than 250 words)
4. Characteristics of the genre (no more than 100 words)
5. A plot summary (no more than 250 words)
6. Notes on the author's style (tone, diction, narrative voice, sentence structure, paragraph structure, chapter structure; no more than 150 words)
7. A quote as an example to demonstrate style
8. A list of memorable quotations (at least 10). These quotes should reflect the novel's primary subjects to help the student construct their thematic statements. Record the quote in its entirety, the chapter from whence it came, and a few words (no more than 100) to explain the importance or relevance of each quote.
9. A list of characters, separated into primary and secondary characters. Record each character's name (and its significance), their role in the novel, an explanation of why they are important to the novel, and a brief description of each character (include physical and personality traits).
10. The novel's setting (time and place; no more than 150 words)

11. An explanation (no more than 150 words) of how the opening scene of the novel is significant to the novel as a whole.
12. The significance of the closing scene of the novel (no more than 150 words)
13. A list of any symbols in the novel.
14. Three possible thematic statements. A theme is a central message about life or human nature that the author wishes to communicate to the reader. Each thematic statement should be evidenced by the quotes recorded earlier in the major works data sheet.

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