

**Summer Reading Assignment**  
**World Literature**  
**2023-2024**

**Choose any one of the following works to read over the summer.**

**Directions:** complete the questions listed below in well developed paragraphs, and detailed examples (**quotations and page numbers where possible**). Bring the completed responses with you to your first English class. The responses are the basis for your first in class essay or analytical paper. In addition to the “writer’s response” answers, complete one of the college essay prompts listed.

Ibsen, Henrik	<i>An Enemy of the People</i> (*Ibsen’s play, not Arthur Miller’s adaptation)
Miller, Arthur	<i>All My Sons</i>
Morrison, Toni	<i>The Bluest Eye</i>
O’Neill, Eugene	<i>Long Day’s Journey into Night</i>

**Questions for Analysis**

**Directions:** answer the following questions in complete sentences. Include direct quotations and page numbers from the text. Remember, the answers you provide will be the basis of your first major paper for the course. **All responses must be typed. No handwritten work will be accepted.**

1. List three (3) major characters of the literary work, and in well developed paragraphs give an example of what the character learns by the end of the work.
2. Pretend that you are one of the major characters in the literary work. Write a monologue (one person talking) of the character telling his/her most unique experience.
3. Compare or contrast two of the characters in the work with any two characters studied from works in your sophomore or junior English classes.
4. Pick a social or political issue. Compose a speech (100-150 words) to be given on that topic by one of the major characters in the work read. Be sure the contents reflect the character's personality. Possible issues are political corruption, prejudice, drug addiction, family communications, poverty, or disillusionment with society.

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## College Essay Writing

**Follow the directions and have the completed essay with you the first full day of class.**

**Instructions.** The essay demonstrates your ability to write clearly and concisely on a selected topic and helps you distinguish yourself in your own voice. **What do you want the readers of your application to know about you apart from courses, grades, and test scores?** Choose the option that best helps you answer that question and write an essay of no more than 650 words, using the prompt to inspire and structure your response. **Remember: 650 words is your limit, not your goal.** Use the full range if you need it, but don't feel obligated to do so. (The application won't accept a response shorter than 250 words.)

### 2023-2024 Common Application Essay Prompts:

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from *obstacles we encounter* can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a *challenge, setback, or failure*. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you *questioned* or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your *thinking*? What *was the outcome*?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or *realization* that *sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others*.
6. *Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?*
7. *Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.*