

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

Choose any one of the following works to read over the summer. Complete the questions which are listed below using well developed paragraphs and detailed examples (**you must include quotes and page numbers**). Bring the journal with you to our **first English class**. The responses will form the basis of your first in class essay or analytical paper.

McCarthy, Cormac	<i>All the Pretty Horses</i>
Miller, Arthur	<i>All My Sons</i>
O'Neill, Eugene	<i>Long Day's Journey into Night</i>
Salinger, J.D.	<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>

Questions for analysis:

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Include direct quotations and page numbers from the work read.

1. List two major characters from the selected work and in a well-developed paragraph, give an example of what the character learns by the end of the novel.
2. Pretend that you are one of the major characters in the literary work. Using the conclusions that the protagonist comes to by the end of the work, write a monologue from his/her point of view which describes what they feel the future holds for them and why?
3. Compare two of the characters in the novel with any two characters studied from works in your sophomore or junior English classes.
4. Pick a national 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 that the contents reflect the character's personality. Possible issues are aging, political corruption, prejudice, family communications, poverty, disillusionment with society.

Students entering World Literature with Film are also required to watch a film they have never before seen some time over the summer. Students are to take notes on the film after the initial viewing. This assignment will be developed into a first quarter writing assignment. See below for the essay prompts.

College Essay Writing

Follow the directions and have the completed essay with you on the first 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.*