

Summer Reading Assignment
CP English IV With Film
2024-2025

For this year's Summer work, you have three assignments. Make sure to read the information below carefully, so you understand the requirements for each.

For the first assignment, you must choose any one of the following works to read. Complete the questions which are listed below using complete sentences, 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.

Your choices are:

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

Once you've read, 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.

For the second assignment, watch a film over the Summer that you have never before seen. You are to take notes on the film after the initial viewing. This assignment will be developed into a first quarter assignment.

For the third assignment, you are to completed your College Essay, and bring the finished piece with you on the first day of class. The directions are below.

College Essay Writing

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.)

2024-2025 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. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
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.