



TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

2011 Summer Reading Requirement for IB Juniors

To prepare for the depth of IB English study and to foster a love of literature, IB juniors are required to read two novels over the summer:

Passage to India (ISBN 9780156711425) by E. M. Forster

Chronicle of a Death Foretold (ISBN 9781400034710) by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Students are required to read actively by highlighting key passages and annotating the texts. Annotations aid in comprehension and memory as well as in the initial literary analysis. Please follow these directions:

1. Look up and write the definition of any word that is new to you. Be sensitive to the use of word choice and sentence structure. What effects are created through the style of writing?
2. Limit the highlighting to those passages that are most striking. Be alert to passages with effective descriptions, characterization, and plot developments.
3. If you notice a repeated pattern, such as of an idea or image, mark it.
4. Notice details about setting, both time and place. What role does setting play in the story? Make a notation.
5. Comment on literary techniques in the text, such as figurative language, symbolism, point of view, irony, or satire. Write an explanatory note.
6. Circle every new character. Look for insightful dialogue as well as descriptions of the character's appearance, attitudes, and behavior. Take marginal notes.
7. Comment on the internal and/or external conflicts the characters are involved in. How do they handle the conflicts? What does this say about their personalities?
8. Comment on the narrative structure and its purpose. How does the plot unfold: in chronological order, through the use of flashbacks, in stream of consciousness?
9. Comment on the theme or main idea. What does the story reveal about the human condition? What other works have you read that parallel these ideas?

All students should be ready for an objective test on this reading at the beginning of the school year in homeroom, regardless of when their English class is scheduled. They should also bring their paperback editions of these novels to the first class meeting and be prepared to show evidence of active reading. A subsequent written test will be given. To facilitate class discussions, please purchase the editions indicated above. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rose Crnkovich, English Department Chairperson, at (708) 453-8392 or e-mail: ib@trinityhs.org.

Have a safe and happy summer! Enjoy the novels!

(over for College Prep English III)

