Summer Reading 2019 – 10th Grade

All incoming 10th grade students are required to complete the following summer reading assignment. The assignment is due on the first day of school.

Read *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. If you need a copy of the book, you may check one out from the Wilson book room. You must bring a copy of the book with you during the first week of classes.

All students must respond to Prompt 1 and then choose between Prompt 2 or Prompt 3 listed below. All responses should be typed, Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1-inch margins, double spaced, and follow all other MLA guidelines. Please bring your two essays printed on separate documents on the first day of school.

*Late Enrollment - Students who enroll after the semester begins will have 3 weeks to submit the assignment.*

1. Re-read the narrator’s introduction of George and Lennie in Chapter 1, beginning with “They had walked in single file...” and ending in “...stepped nervously beside him.” Using evidence from these two paragraphs, **analyze** what the author’s use of characterization reveals about George and Lennie. This should be a formal literary analysis essay of 250-300 words.

2. *Of Mice and Men* ends quite abruptly. Write a 250-300 word narrative to **continue the story**. Take on the persona of Steinbeck himself and create a short epilogue from the point-of-view of the narrator. This epilogue will serve as a comment on or a conclusion to what has happened since the death of Lennie.

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3. **Change the Point of View.** *Of Mice and Men* is written in the 3rd person point of view with the narrator telling the story. Choose a memorable moment in *Of Mice and Men* and rewrite that scene from a particular character’s point of view in 250-300 words. Your job is to show an understanding of this character and capture the character’s voice.