

**Academy of the Sacred Heart**  
**Summer Reading Assignments**  
**English III**  
**Ms. Guillory**

**Directions**

All students enrolled in English III will read the books assigned below over the summer and will answer the enclosed questions related to each reading.

**Students must bring the completed organizers and typed responses to their first English class.**

**Grading**

The organizers and questions will be graded for completion. Students who answer all questions and follow all directions will receive full credit.

These assignments will be used in class to facilitate discussion of the summer readings and to prepare for an essay about the summer readings. These assignments will also be useful as study aides for the summer reading unit test.

**Summer Reading List**

ENGLISH III:

- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton
- *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller – VIDEO VIEWING IS ACCEPTABLE!!

ENGLISH III HONORS:

- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton
- *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller – VIDEO VIEWING IS ACCEPTABLE!!
- *The Known World* by Edward P. Jones

***The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne**  
**English III & English III Honors**

Directions

Answer each of the questions completely. **Your answers must be typed on a separate sheet of paper and prepared to turn in on the first day of class. OR You can email your completed answers to rguillory@sshcoteau.org.**

To answer some of these questions, you will have to conduct research, all of which can be done online using valid, reputable websites.

Questions

1. The Puritan faith plays a major role in this novel. Research the history and characteristics of the Puritan faith. Write your findings in 1-2 paragraphs IN YOUR OWN WORDS. Write the website(s) or book(s) where you found your information. I will check sources to be sure that nothing is plagiarized.
2. Many people feel that America is still influenced by its Puritan past in many ways. Do you agree or disagree with this assessment? Fully explain your position in 1-2 well-structured paragraphs using specific examples to support your ideas.
3. The individual versus society is a major theme in American literature. Explain how Hester Prynne is an individual who struggles against society in order to be her own person. Do you feel as though one must completely reject society or be in constant battle against it in order to be true to oneself? Explain in 1-2 well-structured paragraphs.

***The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton**  
**English III and English III Honors**

Directions

Answer each of the questions completely. **Your answers must be typed on a separate sheet of paper and prepared to turn in on the first day of class.**

Questions

1. The individual versus society theme is a major theme in American literature. Explain how Newland Archer and Madame Olenska are individuals who struggle against society in order to be true to themselves. How does each person's struggle resolve itself, if at all? What is the author saying about the impact that society has on individuals? Explain in 1-2 well-structured paragraphs.
2. How is American womanhood portrayed in this novel? Compare and contrast two female characters to prove your thesis in 2 well structured paragraphs.

***Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller**  
**English III and English III Honors**  
**Ms. Guillory**

Directions

Answer each of the questions completely. **Your answers must be typed on a separate sheet of paper and prepared to turn in on the first day of class.**

Questions

1. How is American womanhood portrayed in this play? Compare and contrast two female characters to prove your thesis in 1-2 well-structured paragraphs.
  2. In 2-3 well-structured paragraphs, define the American Dream and explain its significance in this story.
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***The Known World* by Edward P. Jones**  
**English III Honors ONLY**

Directions

Answer the questions completely. **Your answer must be typed on a separate sheet of paper and prepared to turn in on the first day of class.**

1. In 2-3 well-structured paragraphs, explain the significance of the American Dream to this story and how race plays a role in the pursuit of that dream for one or more characters.
2. In 1-2 well-structured paragraphs, identify and explain how American family life is portrayed in this novel, addressing how issues of race impact the construction and preservation of the family.