

Incoming Seniors Summer Reading Assignment: British Literature

Choose one of the following works by William Shakespeare:

Julius Caesar
Hamlet
Taming of the Shrew
Twelfth Knight

The above books are available in the No Fear by Spark Notes. This gives you a side-by-side writing of the original text by Shakespeare with a line-by-line translation in “plain English.” This is only a suggestion.

Choose ONE of the following assignments:

The Newest Take-off

Imagine you are going to put on the play about the book you just read. What would it be? Would you go futuristic? The 80's? A musical? Write about what theme you would focus on. Be sure to include specific reasons (arguments) stating why you have chosen this particular type of spin-off. Discuss how you are planning to bring out the importance of the theme(s) and ideas from the original play.

OR

Letter from the Author

Imagine you are the author of the book you just finished reading. Suddenly the book becomes a best seller! Write a letter to a movie producer trying to stir the person's interest in making your book into a movie. Make sure you explain why the story, characters, conflicts, etc. would make a great film in today's culture and society. Also include your suggestions for a filming location and the actors you would like to see in specific roles.

This assignment is due to Mr. Higgins on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.