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Welcome to Classic Literature CP/Honors

Your summer reading is an essential component to start the year right. The book listed below was selected to best prepare you for success in your Classic Literature class.

Please read the following book over the summer:

***Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe***

**This year's summer reading assignments are a little different from what you're used to, so please follow the instructions and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.**

Follow these guidelines: **READ Carefully**

- You must choose **4 activities (CP Students)** from the list below. Make sure to read the full instructions in order to receive full credit. **(Honors students must choose 6 activities)**
- Each activity must display your full understanding of the novel.
- **Students must present** their work to illustrate their understanding of the novel. CP students choose 2 of the 4 completed activities to present and Honors students choose 3 of the 6 completed activities to present. **Presentations must be 3-5 minutes.**
- You will need to submit your summer reading assignments on the first day of school.
- **ALL WORK MUST BE YOUR OWN WORK. Any suspicion of plagiarism will result in an irreplaceable grade of ZERO.**
- **Make sure you make it clear which activities you are choosing by adding the title of each activity.**

### Summer Reading Grades:

When you return in the fall I will collect the work you have completed for *Things Fall Apart* on the first or second day of class.

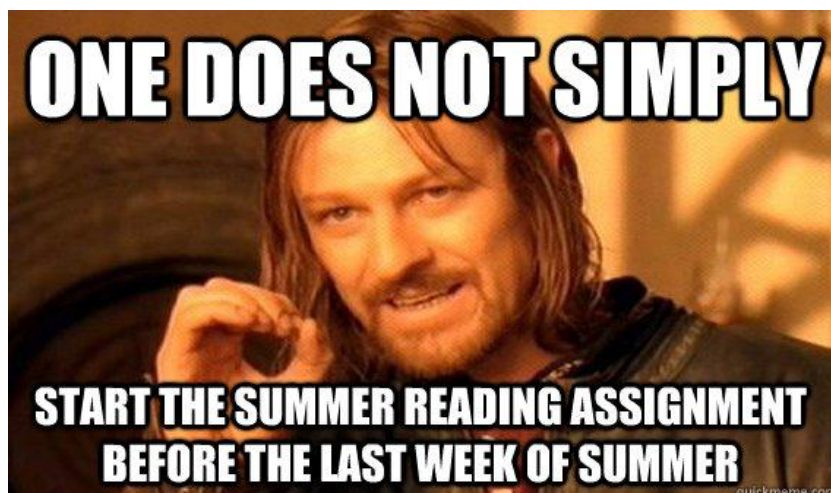
**DO NOT** take the answers from on-line; you will receive a ZERO if you are suspected of plagiarizing.

**You will be tested on the novel within the first marking. I realize that the summer reading texts can be easily obtained online and that you could complete the work without reading the book. But you have been given assignments and essay prompts that will be impossible to complete unless you have actually read the novel. Please do not attempt to complete assignments or write an essay on a book you haven't read-it will not go well.**

**FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE SUMMER READING WILL AFFECT THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MARKING PERIOD GRADE, AS THIS IS ASSIGNMENT WILL BE GRADED AS A TEST and Quiz GRADE.**

Good Luck, and remember it's never too early to start your summer reading!

**Scroll down to view the list of activities.**



This packet is designed to inspire creativity, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of the novel. Below, you will find a variety of activities to choose from. Select at least 4 activities if you're a CP student (6 activities if you're an Honors student) to complete over the summer. Enjoy your exploration of Okonkwo's world and the themes presented in the novel!

1. **Character Collage:** Create a collage that represents **at least 3 main characters** in the novel. Use images, words, and symbols to capture their personalities, traits, and the relationships they have with each other. Write a brief explanation for each element you include and discuss how it reflects the character's role in the story (**at least 1 paragraph for each character**).
2. **Cultural Research:** Conduct research on the Igbo culture portrayed in the novel. Explore their traditions, customs, social structure, and religious beliefs. Create a visual presentation (such as a poster, slideshow, or video) highlighting the key aspects of Igbo culture. Include images, descriptions, and examples to enhance your presentation.
3. **Alternative Book Cover:** Design an alternative book cover for "Things Fall Apart" that reflects your interpretation of the novel's themes and key moments. Use any medium you prefer, such as drawing, painting, digital art, or collage. Write a brief artist statement explaining your design choices and how they connect to the story (**at least 2 paragraphs**).
4. **Cultural Artifact Creation:** Create a physical or digital artifact that represents an aspect of Igbo culture explored in the novel. This could be a piece of clothing, a piece of jewelry, a traditional instrument, or any other artifact that holds cultural significance. Include a written explanation of the artifact, its purpose, and its cultural relevance (**at least 2 paragraphs**).
5. **Alternate Ending:** Rewrite the ending of the novel (**at least 3 paragraphs**). Imagine an alternative resolution to the story and craft a new conclusion. Think about how this change would impact the characters and the overall message of the novel. Write a short explanation of your alternative ending, highlighting the reasons behind your creative choices.
6. **Character Journal Entries:** Choose one character from the novel and write a series of journal entries from their perspective (**at least 3 journal entries, each entry must be at least one paragraph**). Explore their thoughts, feelings, and experiences as the story

unfolds. Consider significant events, relationships, and personal growth. Aim to capture their unique voice and provide insights into their motivations and challenges.

7. **Comparative Analysis:** Compare and contrast "Things Fall Apart" with another novel, play, or film that explores similar themes. Analyze the similarities and differences in terms of characters, plot, and cultural contexts. **(at least 3 paragraphs)**

Remember, the goal of this creative summer reading packet is to engage with the novel on a deeper level and have fun exploring your imagination. Feel free to incorporate visuals, illustrations, or any other creative elements that enhance your understanding of the story.

**Be prepared to PRESENT a part of your presentation to the class.**

### Activity Criteria Points

#### Activity 1: Character Collage

##### Criteria Points

- Creativity and Visual Appeal /5
- Representation of Characters /5
- Explanation of Elements /15

#### Activity 2: Cultural Research

##### Criteria Points

- Creativity and Visual Appeal /5
- Highlights Key Aspects /5
- Presentation displays full understanding /15

#### Activity 3: Alternative Book Covers

##### Criteria Points

- Visual Representation of Theme or Mood /5
- Creativity and Originality /5
- Explanation of Design Choices /15

#### Activity 4: Cultural Artifact Creation

##### Criteria Points

- Creativity and Originality /5
- Connection to Culture /5
- Explanation of Artifact and its Significance /15

#### Activity 5: Alternate Ending

##### Criteria Points

- Creativity and Originality /5
- Connection to Characters and Themes /5
- Explanation of Alternative Resolution /15

#### Activity 6: Character Journal Entries

##### Criteria Points

- Insight into Character's Thoughts and Feelings /5
- Use of Character's Voice and Perspective /5
- Connection to Significant Events or Growth /15

#### Activity 7: Comparative Analysis

##### Criteria Points

- Chosen Work /5
- Connection to Theme /5
- Explanation of Similarities and Differences /15

**Presentation: 25 points**