

CCS Summer Reading Assignment

Rising 11th Grade Honors Students

Your assignment is to read the following novel and complete the essay prompt listed below.

Novel:

- *The Color Purple* – by Alice Walker

Essay Prompt:

- Taken from the 2016 AP English Literature and Composition Free-Response Questions:
Many works of literature contain a character who intentionally deceives others. The character's dishonesty may be intended either to help or to hurt. Such a character, for example, may choose to mislead others for personal safety, to spare someone's feelings, or to carry out a crime. Choose a character in this novel who deceives others. In a well-written essay, analyze the motives for that character's deception and discuss how the deception contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole. Avoid plot summary.

Keep in mind, your essay:

- must be at least 5 paragraphs in length (introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion). You may have more than 5 if you see fit.
- must include a thesis statement, which succinctly expresses your main argument. Your thesis should be based on the essay prompt and should include your 3 main points.
- must give at least 6 specific textual examples, which support your thesis – 2 minimum per body paragraph – along with page numbers in parentheses for citation
- should be free of grammatical and spelling errors. Upload your essay to grammarly.com prior to turning it in.
- must be in MLA format (typed, 12 point Times New Roman, double-spaced, with a proper heading)

Please note:

Your responses should be 100% your own. You may not reference the internet or any other source outside of your brain in answering the prompt. To do so would be plagiarism and will result in no extra credit.

This will be the first test grade of Quarter 1 in your Honors English class. The completed assignment and summer reading pledge are due to the Language Arts teacher on the first day of school.

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Name: _____ **Grade Entering:** _____

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

- I have read this entire book.
- I have never read this book before this summer.
- No one has helped me in the preparation of the summer reading assignment.

Student Signature

Date

- My student has completed the CCS summer reading assignment.

Parent Signature

Date