

Honors English III Summer Reading/Writing Assignments 2020-2021

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Welcome to Honors English III! You have several assignments to complete this summer. Expect a quiz on the books on the first day of class, and all assignments are due on the first day of class. All assignments are to be typed, double spaced, and use proper MLA format (including headings and titles).

I. Read the two required books

1. Read *The Color of Water* by James McBride
2. Read *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

II. Written assignments for *The Color of Water*

1. While reading highlight passages throughout the book that you find interesting and intriguing. Think about the course of someone's life and how that course shapes a person's identity. Then choose three quotes from the book – one from James, one from Ruth, and one that reflects an event from **your** life – that depict identity discovery.
2. Copy each quote at the top of the page. Include the page number. Then write an analysis of the James and Ruth quotes. For the quote that reflects an event in your life, please tell me the story of the event; think of it as a chapter in your own memoir. You may use first person.
3. The James and Ruth responses should be one page in length. The writing about your own life should be two pages in length.

III. Written assignment for *The Catcher in the Rye*

1. In many works of literature, past events can affect, positively or negatively, the present actions, attitudes or values of a character. How does Holden Caulfield contend with events in his past? Write an essay in which you show how his relationship to the past contributes to the meaning of the *novel as a whole*.
2. Your essay should be well-organized with a clear introduction, body paragraphs with evidence, and a conclusion.
3. You must include quotes from the novel to serve as your evidence. However, use short quotes, and make sure to integrate all of your quotes.