

# CCS Summer Reading 2022

## English II

Required Reading: *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens

### About Summer Reading

Students entering 10th grade are required to read a book selected by the CCS English Department. This book will serve as part of the curriculum for the beginning of the school year. After reading the book, students must prepare the assignment described below and submit the assignment on the **first day of school**. This project will count as the very first **test** grade in English class, and if it is not presented in class on **day one**, it will be graded as a zero (0). **No late assignments will be accepted.**

### Assignment

**10th grade students will turn in a TYPED assignment on the first day of school with the following information:**

**STEP ONE:** Write a one-paragraph biography of the author. The author information will come from many different sources; please be sure to cite your sources in MLA format to avoid plagiarism. This means there will be internal citation within the paragraphs as well as a Works Cited list at the bottom of the biographical paragraphs. **\*If you need help with MLA citations, take a refresher course at <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>**

**STEP TWO:** This assignment will help your teacher evaluate your writing ability. Please answer the following questions about *Oliver Twist* with a three-paragraph response to each question. Each paragraph must contain the appropriate internal MLA citations. Remember to proof your work.

Questions for *Oliver Twist*:

1. What is the theme of *Oliver Twist*?
2. Dickens uses rich, somber diction to describe the lower-class neighborhoods of 1830s-1840s London. As you read the book, note examples of such imagery, and discuss multiple examples thereof in answering this question.
3. Similarly, Dickens populates *Oliver Twist* with some of the most memorable characters in crime fiction. Select several of them (e.g., the Artful Dodger) and describe how/why they are memorable.
4. Dickens' characterization of Fagan as "the Jew" incorporates numerous anti-Semitic tropes and stereotypes typical of 19th and early 20th Century Europe. As you read *Oliver Twist*, note examples of these stereotypes, and discuss them in answering this question.

**\*MLA formatting will be taught and explained in detail during class instruction; however, the structure of MLA is required (refer to rubric).**

**A Note on Academic Integrity at CCS:**

A student’s homework and in-class work fulfill the instructor’s intentions in a specific class:

- A. Individual assignments must be represented by individual work. There are to be no “study groups” for this type of assignment.
- B. In no case is direct copying allowed.

Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in a zero on the assignment.

Plagiarism is defined as presenting the work or ideas of another as one’s own. This includes:

- A. Direct copying of another person’s (living or dead) work;
- B. Using any portion of another person’s material or ideas **without proper documentation** (i.e. internal citation/parenthetical documentation and Works Cited)
- C. Paraphrasing another person’s original material **without proper documentation**

**List of online sources that MUST NOT be used for papers in English class:**

Wikipedia.com Yahooanswers.com Pinkmonkey.com Ehow.com Gradesaver.com  
 Answers.com Sparknotes.com Cliffnotes.com Bookrags.com Spark Notes

Rubric:

	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Authorial background paragraph 1	Authorial background paragraph 2
MLA format: font, format						
Paragraph 1 with at least 4 sentences						
Paragraph 2 with at least 4 sentences						
Paragraph 3 with at least 4 sentences						
Paragraph 4 with at least 4 sentences						
Paragraph 5 with at least 4 sentences						
Paragraph 6 with at least 4 sentences						

Paragraph 7 with at least 4 sentences						
Paragraph 8 with at least 4 sentences						
Paragraph 9 with at least 4 sentences						
Paragraph 10 with at least 4 sentences						
Paragraph 11 with at least 4 sentences						
Paragraph 12 with at least 4 sentences						
No more than 3 grammatical errors						