

## CCS Summer Reading 2022

### English IV

Required Reading: *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson and *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

#### About Summer Reading

Students entering 12th 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

**12th grade students will turn in the following TYPED information for each book:**

**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 *each book* with a two-paragraph response to each question. Each paragraph must contain the appropriate internal MLA citations. Remember to proof your work.

#### *Pride and Prejudice* questions

1. “It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.” This first line has become one of the most famous in English literature. In addition to setting the narrative in motion, how does this line alert us to the tone of the novel, and our role, as readers, in appreciating it? What does the line imply about women?
2. For much of the novel, Austen seems to be offering a pointed critique of marrying for social considerations. However, it is also true that the happy marriages that bring the novel to a close are favorable by the terms of the society. In the end, both Elizabeth and Jane do marry “up.” Does this undermine the critique the book offers? Is it meant to be read ironically? Do you think that Austen is critiquing Elizabeth and Jane?
3. How are Elizabeth’s wit and intelligence and independence first made clear in the novel? In what ways, during the course of the novel, is she the victim of her own intellect and independence? Are these features eventually responsible for her happy ending?

4. The novel has many universal themes that make it relevant today and inspire contemporary spin-offs and adaptations. Imagine the Instagram pages of each of the Bennet daughters. Who would be most active on Instagram? Would any of them choose not to be on Instagram?

*The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* questions

1. Why is the story about Utterson, a lawyer, and not Jekyll and Hyde as the title suggests?
2. Why does Hyde make other characters uncomfortable? What are his crimes and how do people describe him?
3. Why does Jekyll create Hyde? Explain thoroughly.
4. What makes this novel “science fiction?”

**\*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.

Academic integrity is **VITAL**. 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

Checklist grades 9-12	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						