

CCS High School Summer Reading 2022

9th Grade English I

English I Required Reading: *Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton

About Summer Reading

Students entering 9th grade (English I) are required to read texts selected by the CCS English Department. These books will serve as part of the curriculum for the beginning of the school year; the information in these books will be used in the classroom. For example, the first Unit in the CCS 9th grade English curriculum is 'Science Fiction', and the theme of the Unit is "the unintended consequences of scientific advances."

Upon completion of the novel, students will prepare an assignment (which is attached to this document) for submission 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. **No late assignments will be accepted.**

English I Assignment

9th grade students will turn in a **solid BLUE folder** on the first day of school (August 2, 2022) with the following **TYPED** information:

STEP ONE: You are required to have a two-paragraph, typed biography of author Michael Crichton. Please be sure to cite all of your sources in 8th edition 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: The CCS English Department wants to be able to quickly evaluate rising ninth grade students' writing ability. Accordingly, 2022's Summer Reading Assignment Rubric is quite simple. We require that your student **TYPE** (no handwritten work will be accepted) **ten** paragraphs, **each** of which must be **at least 4** sentences long. We ask, on the attached assignment, 4 questions about *Jurassic Park*, and require a two-paragraph response to each of the 4 questions for a total of 8 paragraphs plus the 2-paragraph biography. Each paragraph must contain the appropriate internal MLA citations.

Each student is expected to **PROOFREAD** his/her typed work, and submit the **best** typed work of which she/he is capable.

A Note on Academic Integrity at CCS

1. 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. Noncompliance will be defined as plagiarism. There are to be no "study groups" for this type of assignment.
 - B. In no case is direct copying allowed.

2. Academic integrity is **VITAL**. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in a zero on the assignment and parent notification. Plagiarism presents 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 amount of another person's material or ideas **without proper documentation** (i.e. internal citation/parenthetical documentation and Works Cited); and
- C. Paraphrasing another person's original material **without proper documentation** (i.e. internal citation/parenthetical documentation and Works Cited).

If, for whatever reason, you wonder if you might be plagiarizing, please contact your instructor first, so we can discuss what you need in order for you to complete the assignment on your own merit. *Spark Notes* or any other type of summary is not to be used for analysis or for composition in this summer assignment. Your instructors possess copies of these for all of the books we are studying and are aware of what is covered in these texts.

List of online sources you MAY NOT use for papers in English class:

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

Questions for *Jurassic Park*

Include text evidence in each two-paragraph answer.

1. What is the theme of *Jurassic Park*?
2. Explain how Professor Ian Malcolm's "Chaos Theory" applies to the eventual disastrous outcome in *Jurassic Park*.
3. Why did Alan, Ellie, and Muldoon believe it was vitally important that they find and explore the velociraptor nest BEFORE the island was destroyed by airpower?
4. If Mr. Hammond and Dr. Wu had the chance to rebuild Jurassic Park all over again, would they: 1. try to correct everything that went wrong and make Jurassic Park better, safer, more sustainable, foolproof (e.g., develop redundant security and computer systems), or 2. Give up and go home?

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**Rubric for Summer Reading Assignment
9th grade**

	Total Points
*MLA - 8th Edition Format <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12 Font - Times New Roman - Double Space - 1" Margin - Paragraph indentation - Title and page numbers as instructed on MLA info 	/5
Topic content - Ten paragraphs with 4 or more sentences, with complete and accurate information	/40
Explanation and Analysis	/15
Text Evidence	/10
Formal tone and style	/10
Works Cited Page and In-text Citations	/10
Grammatical Errors (0-2) = 10 pts (3-4) = 9 pts (5-6) = 7 pts (7-8) = 5 pts (9-10) = 3 pts More than 10 = 0 pts.	/10
Total Points	/100