

SUMMER READING Before English IV

For 11th grade going into 12th grade

Summer reading assignment for students entering the 12th grade:

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie

As you read, briefly summarize each chapter, writing 2-3 sentences per chapter. You will record your summaries in a spiral notebook. This will be turned in.

After reading, answer the following questions in complete sentences:

1. Give the theme, or overall message of the book, in one sentence. Remember, a theme is not one word.
2. Identify the protagonist (hero or main character) and the antagonist (villain or person who fights against protagonist).
3. Name any other archetypes that you find in the novel.
4. Identify the point of view of the narrator (1st or 3rd person).
5. Describe the setting of the book.
6. Give a character sketch of *three to five sentences on the protagonist*.
7. Comment on the entertainment value of the novel as well as the teaching value of the novel. In other words, did you enjoy the novel as entertainment and did you learn a valuable lesson from it? Explain what you enjoyed about the novel and what lesson you learned from it.

Evaluation:

1. **Assignment:** Your handwritten summaries and answers to the above questions are due the first day of class and are worth one writing grade. Your answers to the above questions should be typed, double-spaced, using Times New Roman 12-point and black ink. You will lose points if you do not follow these directions.
2. **Quiz:** Be prepared for a reading quiz the first week of class.