

12 Honors
“Read Ahead”
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In the 1st 9 weeks, you will be reading one of the following novels: *Jane Eyre*, *Wuthering Heights*, *Great Expectations*, or *Pride and Prejudice*. There are novels available to borrow from Martinsburg High School. You may change your book at any point, but all the work will be due by October 20th, 2023.

Reading Log Guidelines: 100 points (3 points per entry + 10 points formatting)

While reading the books, you need to keep a reading log in a notebook. Start by dating your paper and writing the chapter numbers you will be discussing. When you maintain a reading log, you begin to connect these ideas to your own experiences, making the book your own, a part of your storehouse of knowledge and experience. As you reflect, listen carefully to yourself and attempt to describe the effect the book is having on you. Let your response connect to an idea, reject an idea, or create an idea. Find associations and see where they lead. How is the writing speaking to you? This is your reading process. Respond deeply, write honestly, admit confusion, expand on the author’s ideas, and attempt to discover your own.

Reading logs should be at least one page per entry. For all novels, you must have at least 30 entries. This means about every other chapter for *Pride and Prejudice* and about one per chapter for the other two novels. Summaries of the chapter or Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated responses will not receive credit.

Try exploring with the following response log starters. Try to use a different one each time you sit down to read.

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| 1. I wonder... | 7. I can’t really understand... | 13. I began to think... |
| 2. I can’t believe... | 8. I suppose... | 14. I thought... |
| 3. I like the idea... | 9. If I had been... | 15. I know the feeling... |
| 4. Why did... | 10. I noticed... | 16. I was reminded of... |
| 5. I was surprised... | 11. Maybe... | 17. I love the way... |
| 6. I wish... | 12. I don’t see... | 18. A significant quotation was... |

Literary Analysis Paper: 100 points

All four of these novels have similar themes. In a literary analysis paper, you must answer the following prompt- **How does the novel define gender roles?** Your paper must be typed double-spaced and be 12 point font. In addition, you will be expected to carry on an intelligent and insightful discussion about your novel and the theme of gender.

For information on writing a literary analysis, please look at the following websites:

<http://drake.marin.k12.ca.us/staff/doherty/litanalysis.htm>

<http://unix.cc.wmich.edu/~cooneys/tchg/lit/adv/lit.papers.html>

<http://www.goshen.edu/english/litanalysis.html>

When you quote the books, use in-text citations. Here is some helpful information from the Purdue OWL website (<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/2/>).

MLA format follows the author-page method of in-text citation. This means that the author's last name and the page number(s) from which the quotation or paraphrase is taken must appear in the text, and a complete reference should appear on your Works Cited page. The author's name may appear either in the sentence itself or in parentheses following the quotation or paraphrase, but the page number(s) should always appear in parentheses, not in the text of your sentence. For example:

Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263). Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (Wordsworth 263).

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Wordsworth extensively explored the role of emotion in the creative process (263).

Both citations in the examples above, (263) and (Wordsworth 263), tell readers that the information in the sentence can be located on page 263 of a work by an author named Wordsworth. If readers want more information about this source, they can turn to the Works Cited page, where, under the name of Wordsworth, they would find the following information:

Wordsworth, William. *Lyrical Ballads*. London: Oxford U.P., 1967. Print.

You must also have a **Works Cited** page with the bibliographic information for your books. You may use easybib.com to formulate your citation. If you use **ANY** other sources, you **must** cite them. If you do not quote and you do not cite but copy words or ideas, it is plagiarism. Plagiarized assignments or those including Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated writing will receive zeros.

I am aware that there are several film versions of all the novels. I am not opposed to you watching one **AFTER** you have read the book. You should also have a clear thesis for your paper prior to viewing the film, as it might influence your understanding of the novel.

If you have any questions, I will periodically check the following email (mrios@k12.wv.us) over the summer.

Have a safe summer,

Mrs. M. Elliott

PS. Tips for preparing for senior year

- If you have not signed up to take another SATs or ACTs, prepare to take the first test in either September or October.
- Consider what you want to study in college. Pick your major. This will help with deciding what college will be right for you.
- You should also be narrowing college choices: plan visits, talk to college students to get advice on senior year and start researching scholarships that you are eligible for (<http://www.fastweb.com/>). It is never too early to start.