

ENGLISH 11 AP
LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION
SUMMER 2009 ASSIGNMENT

1. All students are required to read two texts, which are ***The Sun Also Rises*** (Ernest Hemingway) and ***As I Lay Dying*** (William Faulkner).
 - I have copies of *As I Lay Dying* and *The Sun Also Rises*, which I will be happy to distribute. You may pick them up in Room 202 during 4-2 study block every day or after school. You may choose to purchase these texts, although you are not required to do so. Both texts are available at the Virginia Beach Public Library. Please remember that you will need to have a copy of the appropriate text available when we discuss it in class.
 - Take notes while reading to assist you in class discussion and help you be prepared for a summer reading test, which will be given the second day of class, which is **Friday, September 11, 2009 (B Day)**.
 2. Prepare the vocabulary words for each novel by providing a thorough definition of each word. Ultimately, you will be required to use these words in sentences, so you should prepare the words with this task in mind.
 3. Complete the attached assignment in writing for each novel. The purpose of this assignment is to help direct your reading of the novel and help you to begin thinking about some of the key issues of each work. Try to think creatively and not seek “right” answers or fear “wrong” answers. I will be most interested in how you support the ideas you present. **This assignment is intended to reflect your original thoughts and your own work. It is not a collaborative assignment. In the same sense, you should not consult any commercial or critical sources in your reading or your writing about the works. Please be advised that you are accountable to the Kempsville High School Honor Code.**
 4. Your writing assignments for both novels are due on the first day of class, **Wednesday, September 9, 2009 (B Day)**.
- *** **Please type and double space your responses. Remember that the emphasis of my evaluation will be on your thoughtful responses to the questions and your references to the reading.**

READING RESPONSES

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Respond to **one** of the questions listed below with regards to each novel. In other words, you should respond to **one** question about *The Sun Also Rises* and **one** about *As I Lay Dying*. Each response should be **several paragraphs long (and typed and double spaced)**. Your responses should be thorough and reflect good thinking about the novels. You should **refer to specifics** from each text to **substantiate your responses**. Since there clearly are no “right” or “wrong” answers, you will be evaluated on the depth of your response and your ability to provide evidence that you have read thoroughly and thought about what you read. **Use parenthetical citations** when you quote the text directly. Since each paper is primary-source writing, you need only cite the page number parenthetically. Please be sure to use correct format for parenthetical citations!

- ✓ The character I can most relate to is...because...
- ✓ The character I can least relate to is...because...
- ✓ I feel the most sympathy for...because...
- ✓ I am confused about why...
- ✓ My favorite aspect of the novel is...
- ✓ I do not like...
- ✓ I wonder why...
- ✓ If I could change one aspect of the novel, I would change...
- ✓ The most compelling issue of *As I Lay Dying* is...
- ✓ The most compelling issue of *The Sun Also Rises* is...
- ✓ The point Hemingway/Faulkner is trying to make is...
- ✓ I would/would not recommend this novel because...
- ✓ I found the ending of the novel to be satisfactory/unsatisfactory because...

DO NOT USE ANY SOURCES OTHER THAN THE TWO NOVELS IN PREPARING THIS ASSIGNMENT!

VOCABULARY: Summer 2009 Reading

List #1: *The Sun Also Rises, As I Lay Dying, and Other Words*

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| 1. simper (20) | 11. proselyte (209) |
| 2. platonic (50) | 12. vicarious |
| 3. obstinate (56) | 13. remiss |
| 4. daunt (73) | 14. surreptitious |
| 5. pestilent (74) | 15. miscue (9) |
| 6. aficionado (131) | 16. myriad (12) |
| 7. perfunctory (148) | 17. portentous (40) |
| 8. retribution (148) | 18. irremediable (47) |
| 9. assimilate (152) | 19. reproach (47) |
| 10. languid (190) | 20. irrevocable (48) |

List #2: *As I Lay Dying*

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| 21. composite (48) | 31. impalpable (76) |
| 22. juxtaposition (48) | 32. burlesque (78) |
| 23. censure (48) | 33. soporific (107) |
| 24. approbation (48) | 34. unabashed (142) |
| 25. sibilant (49) | 35. infinitesimal (163) |
| 26. travail (51) | 36. ludicrous (163) |
| 27. penurious (51) | 37. circumspection (174) |
| 28. ubiquity (52) | 38. cubism (219) |
| 29. stertorous (63) | 39. interminable (2190) |
| 30. reverberate (75) | 40. retrograde (227) |