

Ninth Grade

ENGLISH I Summer Reading

- e This summer, you will be required to read *Call of the Wild* by Jack London. This book is available at public libraries or you may purchase your own personal copy.
- o This is a short novel that tells the story of a dog named Buck who is sold into slavery as a sled dog in the North. This book is rated PG for some violence and may be a "tad sad."
- ® You are required to read each chapter and write a few paragraphs (or at least ½ page) based on the topics below.
 - o Each response must be typed and double spaced
 - o Do each response on a separate page and labeled with the chapter
 - o Put the underlined topic at the top of each page
 - o Turn in all response pages in a three-prong folder.

EX:

Chapter One

Relate an incident in your life when something (not necessarily something bad) has happened to either you or someone you know that you could not understand.

READING RESPONSES

1. Chapter One: Buck has never been ill-treated in his life until now. He does not understand what is happening to him. Relate an incident in your life when something (not necessarily somethin^s bad) has happened to either you or someone you know that you could not understand.
2. Chapter Two: As Buck descends from being a civilized California dog to a wild one in the North, he has changed. Describe the specific ways you think Buck has changed from the sweet dog he is in Chapter 1 to how he is described in Chapter II.
3. Chapter Three: Describe the results of the fight between Buck and Spitz and the reasons it happened. Were you glad or sorry that things turned out the way they did? Explain.
4. Chapter Four: Explain why you think Buck is right or wrong to fight so hard to become lead dog.
5. Chapter Five: Charles, Hal and Mercedes do not know how to manage a dog team. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her about the problems of running a dog sled team and how you are handling it.
6. Chapter Six: Buck is now safe in the care of John Thornton. Do you think Buck might now revert to the civilize life he knew back in California, or do you think he has he will continue to listen to "the call of the wild"? Explain.
7. Chapter Seven: This chapter shows the two sides of Buck's nature: the civilized dog and the wild dog. Explain which side of Buck's dual nature you think is best for Buck and why.

Tenth Grade

ENGLISH II Summer Reading

- This summer, you will be required to read *The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka. This book is available at public libraries or you may purchase your own personal copy.
- This is a short novel that tells the story of a man named Gregor who woke up one morning as a giant bug; the story deals with Gregor and his family as they deal with his transformation. This book is rated PG for some violence/grossness and may be a "tad sad."
- You are required to read each chapter and write a few paragraphs (or at least 1/2 page) based on the topics below.
 - o Each response must be typed and double spaced
 - o Do each response on a separate page and labeled with the response topic.
 - o Put the underlined topic at the top of each page
 - o Turn in all response pages in a three-prong folder

EX:

RESPONSE #1

Have you even wished you could be transformed into something or someone else?

READING RESPONSES

1. Gregor wakes up from "troubled dreams" and realizes he has been transformed into "an enormous bug." *Have you even wished you could be transformed into something or someone else? Write 1/2 page describing who or what you would transform into and why.*
2. Gregor worked as a traveling salesman, a job he does not like, to pay off his father's debts. *Have you ever done something that you did not particularly enjoy for someone else's benefit? What was it? Write 1/2 page describing what you did for that person and how it benefited them.*
3. Gregor faces enormous difficulties due to his physical transformation. *If you suffered a serious physical impediment, such as blindness or losing a limb, how might your life be affected? Choose an impediment and describe its impact on your family, your lifestyle, and your future.*
4. Gregor mentions his faith in God and says that God has to be somewhere and couldn't have flown away and abandoned him. *Describe a time you felt completely abandoned by someone (esp. God) and how the situation was resolved (or what you learned about yourself, others and God). Include some Scriptural references that show how God "will never leave you nor forsake you."*
5. When Gregor is first transformed into the bug, his family tries to make him comfortable. After time passes, however, Gregor's family views him as a burden, refers to him as an "it," and even treats him with disgust and abuse. *Do you think this is fair after he has supported them financially for years? Write a letter to Gregor's family (from Gregor's point of view) in*

which you declare your feelings of the things you have experienced over the years.