



Tallulah Falls School 10th Grade Required Summer Reading 2018

“To be good is noble; but to show others how to be good is nobler and no trouble.” ~ Mark Twain

Welcome to the 10th grade! The purpose of summer reading is many-fold: to keep your mind sharp over the summer, to read great literature, to create a common experience for the beginning of school, and to provide an early sample of your writing ability. If you have any questions about the assignment or about the story itself, please feel free to email me over the summer at scott.davis@tallulahfalls.org.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain. 1) Read the novel and 2) make 8 one-paragraph entries. Space your entries across the entirety of the text—not just within the beginning, middle or end. 3) Include a complete MLA (8th edition) citation for the novel. 4) Bring in one news article that references slavery or the American Civil War. 5) Write a short 8-line poem about slavery. ALL WORK MUST BE WRITTEN BY HAND.

Journal Instructions: For each entry mentioned above, be sure to precede it with a quote from the text. Use quotation marks and put the author’s last name and page number in parentheses as in the following example from *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*: “You don’t know about me without you’ve read a book by the name of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, but that ain’t no matter” (Twain 1). With each entry, reflect on a particular aspect of the story that caught your attention, sparked wonder, incited rage, caused confusion, etc. In short, you decide what you want your paragraph to be about. Just make sure it relates to the quote you select and demonstrates an understanding of the story.

Example Paragraph Entry

In chapter 18 of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Buck says, "Oh, yes, pa knows, I reckon, and some of the other people; but they don't know now what the row was about in the first place" (Twain 136). This quote is significant to me because it alludes to Shakespeare's most famous tragic love story. In *Romeo and Juliet*, the Montagues and the Capulets feuded so long that most of their family had no clue what the feud was about. In *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, the same situation arises, quite purposefully, with the Shepherdsons and the Grangerfords, which illustrates how deeply Mark Twain delved into Classic literature for his literary inspiration.

Have a great summer, and maybe your parents will let you paint a fence, too – especially if you ask nicely and offer to pay for the privilege.

In the event you have already read the selection, adapt the assignment for any of the following Civil War or Antebellum texts: *Gone with the Wind*, *Up from Slavery*, or *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*.

Feel free to scan and email to me if you want to submit it early.

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