

## Honors English 300 Summer Reading

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Miss Moore

Dear Junior Honors Student,

In order to begin next year on the right note, I am giving you a critical reading and writing assignment to be completed before the beginning of the school year. You will be reading *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë. Complete the assignments below, and be prepared to complete a character analysis based on the foils in the novel on the first day of school.

- ∞ **Do some research on Charlotte Brontë.** Where did she grow up? What were her major influences? What motivation did she have in becoming a writer? *Jane Eyre* is a reflection of Charlotte Brontë's life, and it is essential that you become familiar with her personal experiences and literary career.
- ∞ **Define and identify the literary element of foil.** You should know the definition and be able to identify two pairs of foils from the novel.
- ∞ **Read *Jane Eyre*.** I recommend that you read the novel in August so that the material will be fresh in your mind in September. Make sure you read and comprehend each phase in Jane's life, they are pertinent to your understanding of the novel.
- ∞ **Complete the Novel Reading Form.**
  - ℳ You should take notes on the novel, responding to the experiences of Jane and write down any insights you gain during your reading.
  - ℳ Furthermore, you should write down quotations (with accompanying page numbers) that you think are revealing about both Jane's character and the cultural attitudes of the other figures in the novel.
  - ℳ Be sure to include in your quotations and your note-taking some of the specific differences in Jane's experiences at Gateshead, Lowood, Thornfield and Moor House.
  - ℳ Make your notes as detailed as possible; you will be able to use them when you write a character analysis on the first day of school.

Be aware that Honors English 300 is a rigorous course. Enjoy your summer, and be ready to work in September.



**Directions:** Provide quotes from the novel that relate to the literary elements below. Include a brief explanation of how the quote relates to each literary element.

<b>Setting</b>	
<b>Characters: Childhood</b>	
Jane Eyre	
Miss Temple	
Mrs. Reed	
Helen Burns	
Mr. Brocklehurst	
Miss Scatcherd	
Mr. Lloyd	
<b>Characters: Adulthood</b>	
Bertha Mason	
Mr. Rochester	

Mrs. Fairfax	
Grace Poole	
Adele Varens	
Blanche Ingram	
St. John Rivers	

**Plot**

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**Point of View**

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**Predominant Themes**

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