

English IV  
Summer Reading Assignment  
Conflict Essay

You are going to type a five paragraph essay describing the main conflict depicted throughout the novel.

You will use your required summer reading novel to complete the assignment.

Girls read *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte

Boys read *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczey

Directions:

- Type your essay in 12 pt Times New Roman font. Double-space your work. (Go to Format. Click on Paragraph. Find Line-spacing. Choose Double.)
- The title of the essay should be significant and not merely restate the title of the book.
- Paragraph I – Introduction: includes the title, author, two sentence summary of plot, and a thesis statement concerning the conflict.
- Paragraph II – Describes the inciting incident(s): events that introduce the conflict in the novel to the reader.
- Paragraph III – Offer details about the rising action that will bring about the climax.
- Paragraph IV – Discusses the climax (the point where the conflict is resolved). Determine whether or not the resolution brought about a change in the life of the main character(s).
- Paragraph V – Concludes by offering an opinion that explains why the conflict presented in the novel does/does not make the book a positive reading experience. DO NOT USE “I think.”

\*NOTE – Honors students will receive an additional writing assignment for Summer Reading during the first week of school.

English IV  
 Summer Reading Rubric  
 100 pts

Category:	Excellent 10	Good 9	Average 8	Lacking 7	Poor 6
Neatness: 12 pt Times New Roman font, double-spaced					
Contains NO fragments or run-ons					
Uses proper punctuation and capitalization					
Written in third person					
Intro includes title, author, summary, and thesis					
Paragraph II describes conflict					
Paragraph III discusses rising action					
Paragraph IV discusses climax and life changes					
Paragraph V offers opinion of novel					
Significant title does not merely restate book title					

Summer Reading Project  
100 points

You are going to create a poster that represents William Shakespeare’s tragedy *MacBeth*. You may purchase the *Shakespeare Made Easy* parallel text to read.

Use the following as an example:

<p>Book Title Author</p>					<p style="text-align: center;">Theme</p> <p>Identify a major theme throughout the play and discuss in a paragraph. (i.e. coming of age; searching for conscience; history in fiction etc.)</p>
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	<p style="text-align: center;">Critical Analysis</p> <p>Tell me YOUR opinion of the play. Did you enjoy it? Did you agree with its message? What was the author’s word choice like? Were there scenes or events that you would have omitted? Site passages that you particularly enjoyed or did NOT enjoy. Write 3-4 paragraphs about the play.</p>
<p>Illustrate five major scenes from the play.</p>					

You will be graded on the following:

Neatness	10pts
Use of space	20pts
Completion	20pts
Effort	10pts
Spelling	10pts
Grammar (s/v agr; punctuation; sent. str. , cap.)	15pts
Accuracy of information provided	15pts

\*NOTE – paragraphs may be typed in a LEGIBLE font (no frilly stuff) in font sizes 14-16 (for visibility) double-spaced and glued to the poster. **Remember: Demonstrate honor, integrity, and honesty in your work.**