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**Summer/Prerequisite Reading for Merit English IV (2020-2021)**

***Animal Farm* Literary Analysis Essay**

Welcome to Merit Senior English! This year we will be studying British and World Literature.

**Summer/Prerequisite Reading Selection:** *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

**Assignment:** After reading *Animal Farm* by George Orwell, you will write a literary analysis essay based on the prompt below.

**Prompt**: Write an essay thoroughly analyzing ONE theme that is explored in *Animal Farm*. Your essay MUST USE examples from *Animal Farm* to **MAKE AN ARGUMENT ABOUT THE REAL WORLD**. Choose **one** of the claim statements below to guide your argument.

* **Claim 1:** One can’t help himself/herself in the future if he/she is ignorant to the past.
* **Claim 2:** Taking responsibility for one’s education helps to maintain freedom.
* **Claim 3:** In order for society to function effectively, each individual must recognize his/her responsibility.

*Your final essay will include examples from the text and should also draw on modern world examples*.

The final copy of the essay must be **5-6 paragraphs in length (2-3 pages).** Use the guidelines below when writing your essay

**Other reminders:**

* **Formatting Requirements:**
* Paper must be typed.
* Times New Roman 12-Point font should be used.
* Use 1-inch margins (the “normal” setting in Word).
* Header should be on the top of the first page only and single-spaced.

The header format should be:

* + Your Name
  + Your Essay’s Title
  + *Animal Farm* Summer Reading
  + Merit English IV
  + Date
* The paper should be double-spaced (except for your header).
* **Citation Reminder:**

“This is an example of what a parenthetical citation looks like. You use this when you want to quote a text word-for-word. Notice the quotation marks at the beginning and end of that which is being cited. Also notice that a period comes *not* after the last sentence cited, but after the author’s last name and page number indicated at the end of the citation in parentheses” (authorlastname pagenumber). 🡪🡪 “I like cheese” (Vierneisel 5).

* When citing your quotes/examples for this essay, use (Orwell #).

**In addition, be prepared to discuss and take a test on *Animal Farm* within the first few weeks of class. I encourage you to take notes as you read so that you can refer to them in preparation for the test.**

**Your finished summer essay will also be collected within the first few weeks of class.**

I look forward to meeting you all! If you have questions about the assignments or need to reach me in the meantime, please e-mail me at **niki.folk@garrettcountyschools.org**

Happy reading!

Ms. Folk