

English 11 Honors Summer Assignment
St. Anthony's High School
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Objective:

The English 11 Honors curriculum will prominently explore the universal significance of “truth” and “reality” through examining various works of literature. You will be expected to evaluate the validity of these themes by developing thesis statements and utilizing textual citations.

The goal for this assignment is to familiarize yourself with extracting relevant quotes from a litany of sources in order to prove or disprove the thesis statement provided. We will learn how to effectively input these quotes into our analytical writing during the course of the school year, starting with an in-class writing assignment in September.

Directions:

1. Read the Dover Thrift edition of Euripides' classic tragedy, *Medea*. (Link of the text below.) It is imperative that you purchase the correct translation so that your teacher can properly grade your quotations and citations, and because the text will be part of the curriculum, thus will be included on the final exam.
 - a. https://www.amazon.com/Medea-Dover-Thrift-Editions-Euripides/dp/0486275485/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1495209958&sr=8-1&keywords=medea+euripides
2. As you read, please extract THREE relevant quotes from the play that ALL support the thesis statement you choose (detailed below) and record them on the handout sheet provided:
 - a. Quotes must be recorded in MLA format and handwritten.
 - i. E.g: “quote written here” (Last Name of Author Pg. #).
 - ii. So if Mr. Zanni were to write a book praising this summer assignment you would cite one of his sentences as follows:
 - “This summer assignment is awesome” (Zanni 3).

b. Introduction:

- i. *What makes Euripides' portrayal of Medea tragic is not her heinous action at the end of the play, but rather how she is driven by disjointed rationale. Though able to correctly identify the burden of being a woman in a patriarchal society, she ultimately decides to fight it with an unjust act in order to prove her "strength," thus ironically reinforcing the stereotype of the "weak and hysterical woman."*

Thesis Statements (CHOOSE ONE to argue):

- *This tendency to be destructively self-righteous is evidently found in contemporary culture.*
- *This negative portrayal of women is unjust and has led to deep consequences in society.*

3. After you have recorded your citations from the text, you will be asked to extract quotes from "outside" sources that also support or refute the thesis statements provided.

a. You must have ONE quote from TWO DIFFERENT outside sources (2 quotes total).

b. These quotes must follow MLA format:

c. You may choose from the following list of acceptable "outside" sources:

- i. *These source are just suggestions. If you are aware of other sources that relate to the aforementioned thesis statements you are able to use them.

ii. Images/Artwork:

- <http://www.infectedbyart.com/GalleryPiece.asp?Piece=902>
- <https://www.photoshopcreative.co.uk/image/24100/pandora>
- <https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/8f/db/72/8fdb7207adf5f06cd3f960dc0a4f4368.jpg>

iii. Videos/TV Shows/Movies:

- https://www.ted.com/talks/christopher_bell_bring_on_the_female_superheroes
- <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0245844/> (*Count of Monte Cristo*)
- <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1837642/> (*Revenge*)

- <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0121766/> (*Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith*)
- http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0413300/?ref_=nv_sr_4 (*Spiderman 3*)

iv. Articles/Essays:

- <http://crimefeed.com/2016/07/a-look-back-at-the-susan-smith-case-23-years-after-the-south-carolina-mom-killed-her-2-young-sons/>
- <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/446881/feminist-intolerance-traditional-roles-are-shunned-and-devalued>
- <https://hbr.org/2006/09/rethinking-political-correctness>
- <https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/pieces-mind/201309/vengeance-will-you-feel-better>

v. Songs/Poetry:

- “Psychotic Girl” by The Black Keys
- “Witchy Woman” by The Eagles
- “For My Enemy” by Delta Spirit
- “Enemies” by Wendell Berry
- “Ritual To Read” by Stafford
- “Before He Cheats” by Carrie Underwood

Checklist/Rubric:

This assignment will be graded based on the following criteria:

- i. Student has clearly indicated which thesis statement they intend to support/refute (5pts.).
- ii. Student has a total of 3 quotes from *Medea* and 2 quotes from outside sources—utilizing two different mediums (5pts.).
- iii. All of the quotes are properly cited based on MLA format (5pts.).
- iv. All of the quotes are strongly applicable/relevant to the thesis statement (5pts.).
- v. Assignment is neatly written on the provided worksheet, and on time (5pts.).

This assignment will be graded out of 25 points to be handed in on the first day of classes—Monday, 11 September 2017—and will go towards a writing assignment issued by your teacher during the first few of weeks of school.

Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

English 11 Honors

11 September 2017

English 11 Honors Summer Reading Assignment: MLA Quotations

Thesis Statement:

Medea Quotes

I. _____

II. _____

III.

Outside Source Quotes (Two Different Mediums)

IV.

V.
