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Dear Student,

You have elected to study 12 AP English Literature and Composition this coming academic year. This is a college course that stresses challenging reading, in-depth analysis, and advanced written responses. You will be reading novels, plays, poems, etc. by great authors from various time periods.

The AP Literature course is a demanding as well as rewarding one, and you are to be congratulated for your initiative. The work listed below is required summer reading for all AP students. In addition to completing the literature assignment, you must complete the literary terms section.

READINGS: It is suggested that you purchase your own copy of the book so that you can make notations concerning style, characters, plot, themes, rhetoric, literary devices, and whatever else strikes you as important in remembering the piece of literature for further discussion.

The Road by Cormac McCarthy
and the Literary Terms Handout

ASSIGNMENT: Read *The Road* and keep a reading log according to the guidelines that are included on the following page. In addition, complete the poetry project. Be prepared to submit the entire completed assignment the first week of school. Also, please be prepared for an exam and at least one essay based on the novel during the first few weeks of school.

Happy reading! Have a great summer!

Mrs. D'Amico

Name:

The Road: Reading Log

Reading Log Guidelines: Answer 1- 3 thoroughly. Answers should be typed.

1. Trace the following **two** essay topics. Throughout the book look for instances these two topics arise. For both (a) and (b) do the following:

***Record at least 5 paraphrased descriptions wherein this topic is addressed in some way. (Necessary notes for later!)**

***Record at least 5 quotations that BEST reflect the topic that are different from the paraphrased descriptions above.**

a) A symbol is an object, action, or event that represents something or that creates a range of associations beyond itself. Focus on one symbol and analyze how that symbol functions in the work and what it reveals about the characters or themes of the work

b) In many works of literature, a physical journey—the literal movement from one place to another add to the meaning of the work as a whole. Discuss this journey using specific scenes from the novel.

2. **Write down any 10 questions and/or insights that arise while you are reading.** You're in charge of your own comprehension! Be sure you record the page numbers of what you found to be confusing sections in the text.

3. After you have finished the book, write a reaction about **ONE** of the most memorable scenes for you. Include in your reaction the following:

- Bullet points for key components: include characters, events, setting, details
- 3 lines that encapsulate the essence of the scene and why
- A description of why this particular scene stands out amongst others
- What the scene reveals about the nature of man

Note: This is independent work. No two assignments should be the same. Copying from each other will result in a zero.

Advanced Placement Literature & Composition

Summer Literary Terms Project

You will need to identify and understand certain literary concepts for literary analysis and for the exam. There will be a test on these terms when you return to school in September.

PART I: Define the following terms and provide one example from literature or poetry

Allusion (give an example of each)

- a. Literary
- b. Mythological
- c. Biblical
- d. Historical/cultural

Apostrophe

Ballad

Blank Verse

Conceit

Connotation

Diction

Elegy

Enjambment

Epithet

Figurative Language

Foil

Heroic Couplet

Imagery – (Give an example of each)

- a. Tactile
- b. Visual
- c. Auditory
- d. Olfactory

Lyric Poem

Metonymy

Motif

Ode

Paradox

Satire

Sonnet

Symbol

Synecdoche

Tone

Tragedy

Understatement

PART II: Provide a definition and synonym for each

1. Cacophonous
2. Caustic
3. Connotation
4. Didactic
5. Disdainful
6. Dispassionate
7. Euphonic
8. Fervent
9. Hubris
10. Idyllic
11. Jovial
12. juxtaposition
13. Laudatory
14. Pastoral
15. Resigned
16. Reverent
17. Sanguine
18. Sardonic
19. Somber
20. Sublime