

12th Grade Summer Reading

*****If you are new to BA, hand write your summer reading notecards according to the following instructions: (If you were in English III at BA last year, see the instructions on the second page.)***

Book: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

Required Materials: 3 x 5 ruled notecards
Black ink pen
1 rubber band

Assignment: 1 title card, 1 author card, 1 setting card, 12 character cards, 36 plot cards

On every card, put your name on top, left-hand corner. In top, right-hand corner, label card with the words "title, author, character or plot." On character and plot cards, you will also number them. For example, Character 1, Plot 4, etc. In addition, on plot cards, you will also put the page numbers being summarized under the label, such as Plot 3

Pgs. 112-121

Title Card (1): Label correctly at top and then write title of book in bold letters centered in the middle of the card. Be sure to underline the title of books.

Author Card (1): Label correctly at top and then write information about the author on the card.

Setting Card (1): Label correctly at top and then write *when* and *where* the majority of the book takes place.

Character Cards (12): Label correctly at top. Do a character card for the main characters. If a character is only mentioned once or twice, you do not have to do a card on them (this means you cannot do these character cards until **after** you have finished reading the book). On each character card, you will write the character's name and a description of the character. This description could include physical characteristics as well as personality traits.

Plot Cards (36): Label correctly at top. These are the most important cards you will do, and it is extremely important that you do them as I instruct you to. **Do NOT wait until you have read the entire book to do Plot Cards.** In order to be effective, plot cards **must** be done **as** you read, **not after** you read. So, while you are reading, you need to stop after **about** every **10** pages (depending on what edition of the book you have, this could vary. You may need to stop every 6 or 7 pages. Just make sure that you end up with 36 plot cards), and on 1 card, **summarize** what you have just read.

Remember, summarize means to put it in your own words. **DO NOT** just copy word-for-word from the book. In your own words, as if you were telling a friend about a movie you have just seen, explain what has happened on the pages you are summarizing. Remember, when writing about literature, write in the *present tense*.

Turning Them In:

You will put your notecards in order as listed above: title card, author card, setting card, character cards, and then, plot cards. Put one rubber band around them all and turn them in on the **first** full day of school. We will also take a test on the book on the **fourth** full day of school. The benefit of doing notecards, if done correctly, is that if you read your book at the beginning of the summer, you can just read over your notecards before school starts in order to review for your test.

Contact Info.:

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****Students who have been in my class before, do the following for your summer reading assignment:**

Book: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

Using your **Microsoft 365** account, open a **Word** document (**NOT** GOOGLE DOCS). Use 12-pt., Times New Roman font and choose line-spacing 1.15 and "Remove Space after Paragraph." Double-space (just hit "Enter" twice to double-space) in between all sections of the MLA heading and in between each paragraph.

1. Label the top of your document with an MLA heading and title the document *Pride and Prejudice* Summary.
2. Paragraph 1—**Author**—give name, birth date, death date, and 3 other facts.
3. Paragraph 2—**Setting**—give the time period and place where the majority of the story occurs.
4. Paragraphs 3-14—**Characters**—In each of these paragraphs, write 2-3 sentences describing one of the main characters (you decide which 12 characters are the main ones—this means you cannot do these character paragraphs until after you have finished reading the book.)
This description could include physical characteristics as well as personality traits.
5. Paragraphs 15-50—**Plot**—Read about 10 pages (depending on what edition of the book you have, this could vary. You may need to stop after every 6 or 7 pages. Just make sure that you end up with **36 plot paragraphs**). Then write a paragraph of 50-100 words summarizing what you just read.
6. Email me your document by 11:59 p.m. on the first full day of school.
7. We will submit your document to Turnitin.com sometime during the first week of school. You do **NOT** have to hand write notecards—just do the typed Word document.