

CP English III Summer Reading: 2019

Required reading:

To prepare for the first unit of your junior year, with its focus on the American Dream, obtain and read **your choice of an autobiography or memoir by an American author** and complete the assignments below. Also, additional assignments on the book will follow at the beginning of the school year, so read carefully.

Please submit all work on the first day of class in a manner that is professional: Use MLA format on all typed work. Be sure to **SAVE AN ELECTRONIC COPY** of your work as you will submit it to turnitin.com. The format must be logically structured and neat, but does not necessarily have to be identical to the example.

The Task: Analyzing an Author's Journey

1. You will identify and analyze four moments from your protagonist's life:
 - a. An important decision
 - b. A moment of success
 - c. A moment of crisis
 - d. A lesson learned

2. Use the four moments above for headings in your paper (see example). For each moment, you will include:
 - a. A detailed description of that particular moment in the novel
 - b. A directly quoted passage from the novel (with proper in-text citation) which exemplifies or demonstrates this moment.
 - c. A well-developed 1-2 paragraphs which explain the importance of this moment and its repercussions to the protagonist's life
 - d. A description of that kind of moment from your own life, its importance to your life, and compare/contrast it to your protagonist's moment.

Note:

***All summer reading work should be done by the individual student presenting the work. Collaboration with another student is not allowed.**

***This assignment is meant to be done without the use of the internet. Students should not quote, paraphrase, or use ideas from the internet, including any study guides or summaries.**

***If you have any questions regarding the assignment, please email Ms. Daulton at karli.daulton@lclsd.org.**

Sally Student

CP English III

17 May 2019

Analyzing Ashley Rhodes-Courter in *Three Little Words*

An Important Decision

- Description:

At this moment, Ashley is in court to finalize her adoption to Phil and Gay Courter. When the judge asks her if she wants to become a part of the Courter family, she responds with her infamous three words.

- Textual Support:

“Because of my age, I had to consent to the adoption. There was a long silence. I could hear Gay’s short little breaths. Grampy coughed again.

I muttered, ‘I guess so.’ Three little words and it was done” (Rhodes-Courter 223).

- Explanation:

This the moment when Ashley has to decide if she is really going to commit to becoming a part of the Courter family, at least legally. Although this passage portrays an extremely significant moment in Ashley’s life, her reaction to it is shockingly cavalier. Even though she makes an important decision here, Ashley reacts as if she doesn’t care very much about the outcome. She feels as though she really doesn’t have much of a choice in the matter.....(shortened for space).

- My Life:

When my parents divorced, I had to decide whether I’d rather live with my mother or my father. My father moved to another state, but my mother stayed in the hometown where I was raised. I decided to go with my dad. This turned out to be a incredibly important in my life because I had to start over in a new town and a new school district...(shortened for space).