

Honors English – Soph Year Summer Reading Assignment

(The following assignment is due the first day of class in September. Be prepared to use your work for class discussion, essay writing and a major grade.)

Don Quixote

Directions: Answer the following questions based on the information you have gathered from the reading.

1. What would it have been like to live in Spain during the 1500s?
2. What were the causes of the Counter-Reformation?
3. How did people react to that movement?
4. What difficulties did Cervantes have during his life?
5. What aspects of Cervantes' life most impressed you?
6. What aspects of Cervantes' life would be universal, shared by all people?

(Panza's Proverbs)

Directions: Sancho Panza loves proverbs, so much so that at one point Quixote forbids him to use another. For each of the proverbs below, cite an adventure or circumstance in the novel to which it might apply. Be ready to explain your choice.

1. "Have faith and shuffle the cards."
2. "One does not speak of the rope in the house of the hanged."
3. "Hunger is the best gravy."
4. "Whether the stone hits the pitcher or the pitcher hits the stone, it's going to be bad for the pitcher."
5. "To the grave with the dead and with the living to the loaf of bread."
6. "The rich man's follies pass for wise deeds."
7. "Tell me what you have and I'll tell you what your worth."
8. "He that cuts doesn't deal."

Night of the Foolish Moon

Directions: Answer the following questions based on the information you have gathered from the reading.

1. What is the message of the play?
2. What does this play say about idealism?
3. Name three comparisons to Don Quixote.
4. Explain the dilemma of Ingénue.
5. Explain how Roger loses and then regains his idealism.
6. Make up any question about the play and answer it.
7. Why does Roger say that he doesn't want to do theater anymore?
8. From where does the mother get all of her songs?
9. What significance is the Moon in the play?
10. Explain how Bernie tells the truth and how that changes her life.

THE BRIDGE OF SAN LUIS REY

Directions: Answer the following questions based on the information you have gathered from the reading.

1. Wilder divided the book into five “apparently” separate parts. How is he able to establish a unified whole through this unique style of organization?
2. Explain how the five different characters (who fell from the bridge) have likenesses among them or are connected in the story.