

AP English Literature and Composition
Summer Reading Assignment: *Middlemarch* by George Eliot
Due September 1, 2017

1. **Writing Assignment 1**

AP Question 3 (2017):

Select a novel, play, or epic poem (**YOU MUST USE *MIDDLEMARCH***) that features a character whose origins are unusual or mysterious. Then write an essay in which you analyze how these origins shape the character and the character's relationships, and how the origins contribute to the meaning of the work as a whole.

- Make sure you understand what the question asks.
- Essay should reflect your ability to analyze literature.
- Essay must be **four (4) to five (5) pages, Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced.**
- Use **quotes from the text** to defend your analysis.
- Use M.L.A. documentation. See Purdue OWL for guidelines.

2. **Reader's Log**

- To prepare for class discussions, keep a **reader's log**. Summarize each book; record quotes that may be appropriate for essay and/or that are of literary interest; and note usage and impact of literary and rhetorical devices.
- Note the significance of the epigram that introduces each chapter. **In reader's log, record comments on five epigrams.**

3. **Middlemarch Reading Test**—September 1, 2017

***Middlemarch* will be the focus of class discussions in September. Your first quarter grade will be greatly impacted by your work on this novel.**

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at (914) 774-8300 or e-mail me at kph814@gmail.com.

I look forward to working with you in September!

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