High School Literature 2018 Summer Assignments

Lightning Literature and Composition American Literature: Early-Mid 19th Century Student Guide

*Read pages 23-26 for an introduction to Benjamin Franklin

The Abridged Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin by Daniel V. Runyon

- *Read pages 4-53 then pick up at the top of page 74 and read through page 149.
- *Answer the following questions from pages 27-28 in the Literature Guide

Franklin's Ancestors and Family: #1

Franklin's Childhood: #1-5,

Franklin in Philadelphia: #1, 5

Franklin Returns to Philadelphia: #4, 5 Franklin's Religious and Moral Views: #1-3 Miscellaneous Achievements and Events: #1, 3

Franklin's Public Service: #1-3

(Please note: the page numbers listed with each section will not match the abridged version we are reading.)

As you read the autobiography, make notes on significant events in Franklin's life. Your note-taking can be completed however you feel is best. I recommend the "sticky note" method. As you find details on important inventions, endeavors, travels, ideas, etc, write the information on a sticky note and place it within the book where you found the information. You will be referencing these notes to complete in-class and at-home activities and writings beginning the first day of class.

Please bring *The Abridged Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*, Literature Guide (Early-Mid 19th Century), binder and all summer work to class.

1. Read Introduction (Student Guide, p. 1-17)

- 2. Read unit 1, lesson 1 (p.25-32) & complete comprehension questions #1, #4, #10, #13, #16, and #18 (p.33-34). Answer in complete sentences on notebook paper.
- 3. Read Volume 1 (chapters 1-23) of Pride and complete the following comprehension questions using complete sentences:
 - Chapters 1-4: #2, #8, #16
 - Chapters 5-12: #6, #7
 - Chapters 13-15: #5
 - Chapters 16-23: #5, #6, #20
- 4. Choose your best composition (response to literature, not creative writing) from last year. Please bring a typed copy to the first day of class.

Reading assignment for THINGS FALL APART

- Read the *entire* novel
- Go to the two websites below and read both documentaries on Chinua Achebe https://www.biography.com/people/chinua-achebe-20617665 http://www.nybooks.com/daily/2017/05/22/the-achievement-of-chinua-achebe/

Writing assignment for THINGS FALL APART

- Write a 250/300-word essay explaining why this novelist is so highly regarded in the literary world.
- This is a one-page, typed expository essay using MLA formatting.
- Draw your facts from the two websites.

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