

2022 AP English Language (11th) Summer Reading Assignment-- Ward

I. Read *The Red Bandana: A Life. A Choice. A Legacy* by Tim Rinaldi. I strongly encourage you to purchase the version we will use in class (ISBN-10 : 0143130072; ISBN-13:978-0802139252). You may purchase online or from most any bookstore. **While reading, interact with the text by marking/highlighting unfamiliar words, important events, and changes in characters' actions and behaviors.** Annotations will prove beneficial in the first nine-weeks.

II. The focus of this biography is Welles Crowther—a coming-of-age young man who searches for his own identity. Using evidence from the text, describe Welles Crowther. Use the thesis template below to develop your first sentence, and then, in two well-written and well-supported paragraphs (no more than two pages of typed text), prove the claim of the topic sentence.

In *The Red Bandana*, Welles Crowther is characterized in his youth as one who _____ and also as one who _____; however, he later proves himself to be _____ and _____.

In your first paragraph, provide multiple examples and sufficient explanation to convince me that Welles “is characterized as one who _____ and also as one who _____.” *Prove your claims with plenty of evidence from throughout the text.

In your second paragraph, provide multiple examples and sufficient explanation to convince me that Welles “later proves himself to be _____ and _____. HOW do you know this statement is true? WHY is this significant?

Don't limit your examples to a few pages from the earliest chapters. And do NOT try to give me what you read online or in *Cliff's Notes* or similar “cheat-sheet sites.” Those are tools to help you understand; they do not take the place of reading.

The last sentence(s) of your second paragraph should provide a conclusion statement. Provide a works cited entry in MLA 8th ed. for the book on a separate page.

NOTE: Type your responses using a 12 pt. Times New Roman font. Double-space the document. Introduce your evidence and cite the text correctly using MLA (8th ed.) rules for citation. If you're not sure about how to do this, do a search on *Youtube* for “MLA in-text citations” and learn how to cite. The Purdue OWL site is an excellent resource:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_in_text_citations_the_basics.html

To be frank, I'm not often impressed with summer assignments. Many do not take the time to read closely or to write sufficient answers in the prescribed format. As a result, those students struggle through the first nine weeks and beyond. This assignment will provide me with a first impression of you and your abilities. Make a good first impression.

III. On the first day of school, **be prepared to show me your annotations**, submit your work and take a test on the reading.

Example:

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In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee's narrator, Jean Louise “Scout” Finch, is characterized as one who views the world from innocent eyes and as one who does not see the town's division among racial lines; however, she later proves herself to be wise beyond her age and one who is determined to rise above racial prejudice. Continue your assignment by proving the first parts of the thesis in the remainder of the body paragraph.