

Ms. Geen 12th Grade Summer Reading 2019

Book: *Dracula*, by Bram Stoker (full novel-no abridged versions, please)

You can find this on Amazon and in most bookstores. If you want to purchase a used copy, thriftbooks.com often has books for a good price. You may also use an e-reader, or check out the book from the library, but keep in mind that **everyone needs to bring their book to class the first week of school.**

Your assignment is to take detailed notes that you will **turn in to me on the first day of school.** The easiest way to do this is to annotate your book as you read by underlining information about characters, setting and possible themes. Underline passages you think are important, beautifully written, or make you think. Jot notes in the margins about your thoughts and questions. Of course, if you have a library book, you will need to use post-it notes, or paper. The reason I suggest annotating before writing down notes is so your reading isn't interrupted. Ideally, you will take your notes right away after reading. You may type your notes and **print them**, but handwriting helps you retain what you read.

You should have many pages of notes. Feel free to color code them, illustrate them, whatever helps you engage with the novel.

What you need to have in your notes:

Thoughts and reactions to the novel. Do not use sparknotes or the like. I can tell. Do not do a synopsis of the plot.

Information about the characters. What are they like? What do they care about? What do you think about their choices and actions? How are they changing as the book progresses?

The setting. Where does this novel take place? What is it like? Are you familiar with this world?

Possible themes. What does this book show you about human nature? What does it make you think about? Are there things in the novel that you can relate to your life?

Five Passages from the book that you found meaningful. Write a paragraph of at least 5 sentences for each passage explaining what you think it means, and why it is important to the book. What did it make you think about?

I will grade these notes on how complete they are, and on the quality of the content. You will be using them for a quiz and a project. If you don't read the book and take good notes, it will affect more than one grade.

Any questions, please email me at jgeen@args.us

I hope you have a great summer!