

## Senior AICE Summer Assignment 2014

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### 2014 Required Summer Reading:

#### *Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy

1. **Read the novel** and complete **Data Sheet**. The Data Sheet will be available online on Edmodo June 1. It must be submitted to turnitin.com. It is due by the first day of school.
2. Search the internet and find one scholarly article that discusses the novel (from a literary journal, scholastic website, etc.). **DO NOT** obtain the article from any of the well-known summary sites (Spark Notes, Pink Monkey, etc.). Read the article and write a 600-800 word annotation, discussing your reaction to it. Do you agree / disagree with the author's take on *Return of the Native*? Support your arguments with evidence from text of the article as well as text from the novel. MLA format required. You will need to submit the annotation to turnitin.com by the first day of school [**CLASS ID: 8051795; CLASS PASSWORD: AICE2014**]. I will post a sample annotation on Edmodo June 1.

#### *How to Read Literature Like a Professor (Revised Edition)*

1. There will be an objective test on this book during the first week of school
2. This book will also be used as a textbook during class

**College Application Essays:** Most colleges require applicants to submit personal essays as part of their application process. Some colleges limit the essays to 250 words, and others allow 500 or more words. To prepare you for this process, you must submit one 250-word essay and one 500-word essay on the topics below. Please try to bring these in the week before school starts. (teacher pre-planning). If not possible, they are also due the first day of school. These will be returned in the order they were received. You may want to go on-line and check the website for the college(s) of your choice to locate specific essay topics. You may opt to write those as long as you have two and they must meet the length requirements for the college. The essays must be typed, double-spaced, with word count. Do not exceed the word length. **Include the complete question at the top of the page but do not include it in your word count.**

#### 250 words (Choose one)

Why have you selected this college? Before answering, you need to determine which college you plan to attend and research that college or university.

**OR**

Describe your education goals and motivation to attend college.

#### 500 words (Choose one)

Tell us [college admissions officers] of an experience that has changed your perspective on any subject matter.

**OR**

How has your family history, culture, or environment influenced who you are?

**OR**

Discuss some issue of personal, local, or national concern and its importance to you.

**OR**

Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence. (Avoid being sentimental, and focus on the influence and its power in your life.)

**Supplies you will need for this class:**

a three-ring binder or folder to keep notes, handouts, and other assignments  
paper, loose-leaf college rule  
pencils  
blue and/or black ink pens; red pens for corrections  
highlighters (package of four)  
small post-it notes (suggested, but not required)