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SUMMER READING 2022

HN ENGLISH 9 – Honors Types of Literature & Composition

Due: Thursday, August 18, 2022.

Late submissions will be penalized 20 points per day.

There will be a short quiz on the novel on August 18, 2022.

Please email me with questions (sberg@montgomerycatholic.org).

Read: *Two Old Women* by Velma Wallis

ISBN-10: 0062244981 or ISBN-13: 978-0062244987

- After reading the novel, answer the following question in paragraph format:
At the beginning of the story, the old women thought themselves incapable of change. Their constant complaining had led them and those around them to believe that they were useless. Did the women bring about their own abandonment by the attitude they displayed over the years? Why or why not?
- Listen to this podcast on complaining: <https://www.gonoco.com/podcast>
Write a 1-paragraph summary of the podcast.
- Make an attempt to stop complaining for 1, 2, 3 (or more) days. Afterwards, write 1 paragraph about your experience. Were you successful? Was it challenging? Was your mood improved or soured after this attempt?



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HONORS FRESHMEN:

In addition to the above assignment, please read a novel of your own choice that you have not read before and create a 1-page (8.5 x 11 printer paper is fine) visual representation of the novel, including these elements:

On the front:

1. Title of novel and author's name
2. A list of characters from the novel
3. A description of when and where the novel took place
4. 5 adjectives you would use to describe the novel
5. One important quotation (A sentence or two from the novel)
 - a. Write the quotation in quotation marks
 - b. Include the page number
 - c. Next to the quotation, explain why this is significant (i.e. "This quotation expresses...")
6. At least 3 drawings, symbols, and/or images that represent aspects of the story
 - a. Use color, be creative, be neat, and fill the page
7. One high level question that can be answered after you read the novel
 - a. A high level question is one that cannot be answered with a simple "yes" or "no"
 - b. Answer the question next to where you wrote the question

On the back:

1. A summary of the novel, including details about plot, setting, characters, main ideas, conflicts, and ending.
2. Your name and class period.

