



## AP ENGLISH 3-Language and Composition 2010 - 2011

### Summer Reading

NO PART OF THIS ASSIGNMENT IS OPTIONAL

#### REQUIRED NOVEL OF ALL STUDENTS IN AP ENGLISH 3:

*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

#### Requirements:

- **Create a dialectical journal** for the novel. The purpose of such a journal is to identify a specific literary device or appeal (logical-logos, emotional-pathos, moral-ethos) of the text and to explain its significance. Write one entry per chapter **due the first full day of your class period**.
- For each entry, cite the page number of the quotation and write at least 2 sentences of commentary/analysis for each one. Tell why the author uses that device and how it reflects the theme of the novel. Zoom in and closely examine the connotations of a specific word. Please avoid superficial commentary. Possible devices are diction (simile, metaphor, personification, symbol) or detail (sight, sound, taste, touch, smell, hearing imagery) or syntax (the structure of the sentence: parallelism, rhetorical question, repetition (anaphora) exclamation, sentence fragment, etc.).
- **Vocabulary: Define one unusual word in each chapter.**
- **Sample journal entry** for *Julius Caesar* on parallelism:

"As Caesar loved me, I weep for him; as he was fortunate, I rejoice at it; as he was valiant, I honor him; but as he was ambitious, I slew him." (Act III Sc ii 760).

Shakespeare uses the rhythmic, parallel structure in Brutus' monologue to build to climax. This syntax creates an emotional appeal, or ethos, so the audience will understand Brutus' reasons for slaying Caesar.

- **Timed Essay and Novel Test:** the second week of school (week of Aug. 30th).

**Suggested reading:** We in the English department also encourage you to read for pleasure to increase your vocabulary and critical reading skills. In addition, the regular reading of news magazines and newspapers will enhance these skills. Next year you will write a Barbara Jordan Research Essay on an outstanding African American from Texas. You might wish to begin interviewing and researching for this paper. Clip articles from the newspaper about local veterans, because you will also write an essay for the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest: "Does America Still Have Heroes?" Consider interviewing a grandparent or aunt or uncle about their service to their country.

**NOTE:** This is an individual assignment. Therefore all answers must reflect the student's own opinions and thoughts. **Plagiarism, the passing off of another's work as one's own, will result in a zero on the assignment. The use of guides such as Spark Notes and similar publications also constitutes plagiarism.**