

English 12 Honors: Summer Assignment



Directions:

1. Pick up a copy of *Don Quixote (English Translation)*. Recommended versions are Norton (paper back), although other scholarly versions are acceptable. (This would exclude Spark Notes)

Copies are available at www.amazon.com or www.barnesandnoble.com

2. Read *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes. While reading, pay attention to the major themes developed throughout the book.

3. When you have finished reading, write a statement expressing what you believe to be the most important theme in *Don Quixote*. This statement should include: the title, author, the insights you discovered as well as the method the author uses to develop these insights.

4. Find and explain how five passages (with page numbers) from the book support, connect and reinforce your theme.

5. Find a piece of art that you think has a similar or related theme to the one you described in your statement (NOT simply a representation of scenes from the book).

6. In one to two pages, explain the thematic connection between *Don Quixote* and your selected work of art. Make sure you use specific quotes from the text and specific details from the artwork to support your answer.

7. Responses should be typed, double-space, in **MLA format**.

On the first day of class, please bring the following:

- Your statement of theme and support passages.
- A print-out of your selected piece of art.
- Your explanation of the thematic connection between your piece of art and *Don Quixote*.
- Your copy of *Don Quixote*

***If you have any questions about this assignment over the summer, please contact one of the following teachers via email on the following dates:

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- ❖ Ms. Bonanno, jbonanno@aacps.org June 22 – June 26
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