

Ninth Grade Pre-AP English/ AP Geography
Summer Reading Project for the 2009-2010 School Year

This summer you will be required to read pieces of literature and complete an analysis of each. Analytical skills are strong components of both AP classes. I strongly urge you to purchase your own copy of each piece of literature and write in the margins, making notes to yourself about passages that are particularly striking or that relate to the components to both the analysis and essay requirements.

You will be required to read, actively and closely, the following:

- 1) *Alas, Babylon* by Pat Frank
- 2) *West Side Story* by Arthur Laurents

Due Date: Friday, August 28, 2008 at the beginning of the class period. NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Writing Situation: *Alas Babylon*

Alas Babylon is one of the first post-apocalyptic novels of the nuclear age and has remained popular ever since it was published in the 1950's. The novel's relevance is continually renewed with our ever changing global society. It is your responsibility to find the important elements that display the theme and social awareness and incorporate them into analytic paragraphs.

* Find a total of 10 quotations and copy them down word for word from the novel. Then write a one-paragraph analysis for each quote explaining the significance of the quote as it relates to the theme(s).

Writing Situation: *West Side Story*

In an essay analyze the elements of urbanization that led to the culture conflicts prevalent in *West Side Story*.

Requirements:

1. Your quotations, paragraphs, and essay should be typed, Time New Roman, font size 12, one-inch margins, and double-spaced.
2. Write in present verb tense, and be sure to stay within the same tense at all times.
3. Proofread for spelling and grammar errors, as each error will lower your overall grade.
4. This assignment will be counted as a test grade, so take your time and give your best effort.
5. The heading for your assignments should be located at the top right hand corner of the first page, and look as follows:

Your name (First and last)
Teacher's name (Mrs. Cone/ Mr. Sanchez)
Course (AP Geography and Pre-AP English 9)
Date (Day, month, and year - 28 August 2009)