

AP Seminar Summer Assignment

Please read *Dune* by Frank Herbert, and take note of the ways in which he approaches the following topics:

1. resource management
2. climate change
3. religion and religious conflict
4. gender roles and relations
5. social engineering

You should annotate the book with these five themes in mind, and if you notice any other major themes or ideas you should take note of them as well. Think about how these themes relate to real-world or academic problems or issues, and take note of these connections as well.

Write a brief (2-3 page) essay that focuses on one of these themes and explains Herbert's approach to it. In other words, you need to answer the following questions:

1. What do you think Herbert's position on this theme is, and how do you know?
2. What scenes in the book deal directly or indirectly with this theme?
 - a. How do the characters address the theme?
 - b. Which of the characters do you think Herbert agrees with, and how do you know?
 - c. Is the theme resolved before the end of the book, and if so, what is the resolution?
3. Do you agree with Herbert's stance? Why or why not?
4. If you were to narrow this theme down and apply it to a real-world or academic problem or issue that you could research and craft an argument about, what would that issue be, and why?