

For AP Language and Composition Students

Your summer reading assignment:

AP English III Summer Reading Assignment and Rubric

Welcome to AP English III. Hopefully you will have a fun and enjoyable summer break, but to keep your minds sharp and to make sure you are prepared for the hard work that is ahead of you with this fun but challenging class, a summer assignment is being assigned to you. You will need to purchase the book *BILLY BUD, SAILOR* by Herman Melville and look up Henry David Thoreau's essay, "Civil Disobedience". You will need to read and annotate both works to prepare for the two-page essay which will answer this prompt: "Was there a better recourse of action for Captain Vere to take when deciding Billy Bud's punishment, or was he morally obligated to follow out with the punishment because he must always strictly adhere to maritime laws?"

In your answer to the prompt you must cite two outside sources to support your opinion ("Civil Disobedience" can be one of those sources), and you must make some reference to the role the narrator plays in the saga of Billy Bud. The essay must be two typed pages, using 12-point Times New Roman font. You must have a cover sheet that includes your name, the name of this class (AP English III), the title of your paper, and the date that you are submitting your paper. The essay will be due on Friday, Aug. 26th at the start of the class period and must be MLA formatted. The paper must be printed out before you arrive to class that day. The paper will be worth a test grade.

The rubric for the paper breaks down like this:

Two typed pages = 10 points
Cover sheet = 10 points
MLA Formatted = 10 points
Printed out and handed in on time = 10 points
Works Cited Page = 10 points
Show proof of annotations = 10 points
Correct font size and type = 10 points
Completed paper with few errors
That concisely answers the prompt = 30 points
Total = 100 points

For MLA formatting rules and guidelines see:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html

Annotation Symbols for Close Reading

Underline or highlight the major points.

Circle keywords or phrases that are confusing or unknown to you.

Use a question mark (?) for questions that you have during the reading. Be sure to write your question.

Use an exclamation mark (!) for things that surprise you, and briefly note what it was that caught your attention.

Draw an arrow when you make a connection to something inside the text, or to an idea or experience outside the text. Briefly note your connections.

Mark EX when the author provides an example.

Numerate arguments, important ideas, or key details and write words or phrases that restate them.

Draw a box around words you don't understand, then look them up and provide a definition on the side of the page.

Hopefully, this has been some help to you. You will see that Billy Bud, Sailor is not an overly long book and is a very interesting and intense read. Enjoy your summer and we will see you soon.

Thank You,
Krum AP English Team