



# GREATER ATLANTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Summer Reading: Honors English 9

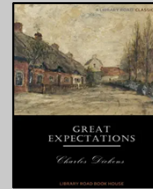
### *Of Mice and Men*

by John Steinbeck



### *Great Expectations*

by Charles Dickens



#### *Of Mice and Men* Assignment--

- Read *Of Mice and Men* and take an Accelerated Reader test. You may come in during the summer to take AR tests in the library. Dates the library will be open will be published on the Summer Academics page.
- When you return to the school, you will write an essay in response to the book.

#### *Great Expectations* Assignment--

- Read and annotate *Great Expectations* using the guide below.
- Take an Accelerated Reader test on the book. You may come in during the summer to take AR tests in the library. Dates the library will be open will be published on the Summer Academics Page
- Take a critical reading test over *Great Expectations* the second week of school. You may use your annotations on the test.

#### *Great Expectations* Annotation Directions

You will annotate your copy of *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens in order to help you understand the text, to help you close-read the text, and to aid you in discussing the novel at the beginning of the school year. Place sticky notes on the pages of your book to mark pages that show or elaborate key details. On each sticky note, write a tag and an explanation of the tag. For example, your tag might be "Estella" and your explanation might be a phrase or sentence that describes her on the page with the note.

Specific Expectations (like GREAT expectations, but more specific and less mysterious). Adhering to these directions will help you gain success the first few weeks of school:

1. Sticky note the following
  - a. Themes
    - i. The effect of wealth and status
    - ii. Coming of age
    - iii. Nature vs. nurture
    - iv. Appearances vs. reality
    - v. Obsessive love
    - vi. Forgiveness vs. grudges
    - vii. Shame and guilt
  - b. Motifs/symbols
    - i. Prison imagery
    - ii. Handwashing/washing
    - iii. Spiders and creepy crawlies
    - iv. Wedding imagery
    - v. Fire
  - c. Character descriptions
    - i. Pip
    - ii. The convict
    - iii. Mrs. Joe
    - iv. Joe
    - v. Uncle Pumblechook
    - vi. Miss Havisham
    - vii. Estella
    - viii. Biddy
    - ix. The pale, young gentleman
    - x. The stranger in the Three Jolly Bargeman
    - xi. Orlick
    - xii. Jiggers
    - xiii. Herbert Pocket
    - xiv. Matthew Pocket
    - xv. Mrs. Pocket
    - xvi. Wemmick
    - xvii. Able Magwitch/Provis
    - xviii. Compeyson
  - d. Settings
    - i. The marshes
    - ii. Satis House
    - iii. London
    - iv. Barnard's Inn
    - v. Jiggers' office
    - vi. Jiggers' home
    - vii. Wemmick's home/Walworth
    - viii. Newgate prison
  - e. Character changes
    - i. The convict
    - ii. Mrs. Joe

- iii. Estella
- iv. Pip
- v. Miss Havisham
- f. Character motivations
  - i. Mrs. Joe
  - ii. Joe
  - iii. Miss Havisham
  - iv. Jaggers
  - v. Molly
  - vi. Wemmick
  - vii. Magwitch
- g. Compare/contrasts/doubles
  - i. Joe and Jaggers
  - ii. Estella and Biddy
  - iii. Pip and Miss Havisham
  - iv. Jaggers' home and Wemmick's home
- h. Events/Scenes
  - i. Pip and the convict meet
  - ii. Pip's first visit to Miss Havisham
  - iii. Pip meets the pale, young gentleman
  - iv. Joe and Miss Havisham discuss Pip
  - v. Mrs. Joe is injured
  - vi. Biddy and Pip discuss Joe
  - vii. Joe and Jaggers discuss Pip
  - viii. Pip meets Herbert
  - ix. Pip visits Wemmick home
  - x. Pip visits Jaggers home
  - xi. Joe visits Pip in London
  - xii. Estella and Miss Havisham's conversation about love
  - xiii. Pip shows Estella around London
  - xiv. Estella tells Pip about her nature
  - xv. Magwitch's trial
  - xvi. Estella's story
  - xvii. Orlick confronts Pip
  - xviii. Joe and Pip at the end of the book

If you are new to GACS and unsure as to whether you have been placed in Honors or CP English 9, go ahead and read the honors reading as well as the CP reading. If you are admitted to GAC after July 15, email me at [jdenton@gac.org](mailto:jdenton@gac.org). *Of Mice and Men* should only take a few hours to read and you should be able to finish *Great Expectations* in a week.