

## English IV

### Summer Reading Assignment 2024

**You must complete BOTH tasks!**

#### Task 1:

**Read and annotate:** *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* by Seth Grahame-Smith

ISBN-13: 978-1594743344

#### Task 2:

**In MLA format and in response to Grahame-Smith's novel, write a 4-5 paragraph essay examining the dichotomy of the formality of time period and the apocalyptic tension. Do not use an AI chatbot to write this paper.**

#### **Writing Advice:**

- A proper introduction with a thematic statement and thesis statement, titles, authors
- At least 2 body paragraphs (with clear and strong topic sentences + details from the literature to support that prove each paragraph's topic sentence and the thesis of your essay)
- A conclusion that does not simply repeat the introduction but rather provides a more compelling and convincing closing

Remember the 3Ts: third person language (so avoid using "you" and "I"), present tense, and serious tone.

Briefly PLAN your essay before writing and PROOFREAD it afterward.

#### **Annotation Advice:**

There are many ways to interact with a text. Consider asking a lot of questions, defining words you don't know, making personal connections, and commenting on language that you find beautiful, challenging, or confusing. Find a way to balance your annotations with your enjoyment of the reading.

Synopsis of *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* (from amazon.com):

Complete with romance, heartbreak, sword fights, cannibalism, and thousands of rotting corpses, *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* is an audacious retelling of English literature's most enduring novel. This expanded edition of the beloved Jane Austen novel featuring all-new scenes of bone-crunching zombie mayhem begins when a mysterious plague falls upon the quiet English village of Meryton—and the dead are returning to life! Feisty heroine Elizabeth Bennet is determined to wipe out the zombie menace, but she's soon distracted by the arrival of the haughty and arrogant Mr. Darcy. What ensues is a delightful comedy of manners with plenty of civilized sparring between the two young lovers—and even more violent sparring on the blood-soaked battlefield. It's the perfect read for literature lovers, zombie fans, and anyone who loves a reanimated Austen.