



PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

John Marshall Fundamental Secondary School

Dear Students and Families:

Congratulations Incoming **9th Grade ACI English Honors** students! We have so many great experiences ahead, and I am thrilled to be a part of your educational and artistic journey as your English teacher. ACI Honors students must complete the following assignments. You are expected to complete all work with excellence. Summer work will be due the first week of school and scores will be included in the first semester grade.

Required Assignments:

1. Write a personal response/critique analysis after attending a **live** performance in either dance, theatre, musical theatre, or going to an art gallery. You should have some thoughts about what you viewed and write about the experience. Instructions on how to write the personal response/critique analysis are on the next page. (A list of places to see these things is provided).
2. Write a movie musical review. Movie Musicals are an art form that incorporates all elements of art - music, dance, theater, and visual art all come together to create cinema magic. You are to write a 1 page movie review for one of the following movie musicals:
 - a. Westside Story (either version)
 - b. The Wiz
 - c. Newsies
 - d. In The Heights
 - e. A Chorus Line
 - f. Tick Tick Boom
 - g. Hamilton
 - h. Phantom of the Opera
 - i. Les Miserables
 - j. Singing In The Rain
 - k. Carousel
 - l. Sweet Charity
 - m. Hello Dolly
 - n. The Color Purple
 - o. Mama Mia
 - p. Musical Movie of your choice.

I am looking forward to teaching you AGAIN next year!

Sincerely,

Jessica Maker-Bilandzija
ACI 9th & 10th Grade Honors English Teacher
ACI Club Advisor

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

Writing Assignment #1 DIRECTIONS: Write a **1 page**, double-spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, personal response/critique for the LIVE show or art you viewed. Your response should include the following:

- Introduce the experience - where did you go and what did you see?
- Brief summary of what the show was about.
- What did you think about what you saw?
- What emotional reactions did you have?
- What stood out?
- What were the strengths and weaknesses of the production or the exhibit?
- What was the value of seeing the work?

Writing Assignment #2 DIRECTIONS: Write a **1 page**, double-spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, movie musical review. Your response should include the following:

- Introduce the movie - title & director?
- Brief summary - what was the movie about?
- Who were the lead actors and how did they portray their characters?
- How was the camerawork? What was the visual impact of the show in movie form?
- How was the music? Any songs that stood out to you? Strengths/Weaknesses?
- How was the dancing? Was the choreography impressive?
- Would you recommend this film? Why or why not?

Papers are due the first week of school.

WHERE TO SEE LIVE ART in LA

These are just informational links. It will be up to you to make a plan and see the work!

Museums in LA:

<https://www.timeout.com/los-angeles/attractions/essential-museums-to-visit-in-los-angeles>

<https://www.nortonsimon.org/>

<https://huntington.org/>

Live Theatre in LA:

<https://www.broadwayinhollywood.com/>

<https://www.broadwayinhollywood.com/venues/detail/pantagestheatre>

<https://www.anoisewithin.org/>

<https://bostoncourtpasadena.org/>

<https://www.pasadenaplayhouse.org>

<https://www.musiccenter.org/tickets-free-events/tickets-free-events/>

Dance in Los Angeles:

<https://www.musiccenter.org/experience-learn/experience-learn/for-all-ages/glorya-kaufman-present-s-dance-at-the-music-center/>

<https://versastyledance.org/events/>

<https://www.diavolo.org/>

<https://performingartslive.com/Events/Nancy-Evans-Dance-Theatre-presents-Works-2023-Thresholds-ARC-A-Room-to-Create>

<https://www.bodytraffic.com/>