Cardinal Gibbons 2026 Summer Reading Assignment

Directions: After reading your assigned novel, answer each of the following questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. Your responses should:

✅ Be written in complete sentences..

✅ Include specific examples from the text to support your answer.

✅ Provide page numbers for all textual evidence.

✅ Demonstrate critical thinking and a deep understanding of the novel.

Each response should be well-developed (3-4 sentences minimum). You may type or neatly handwrite your responses. It will be due the first day of class.

Reminder: Plagiarism, ChatGPT, Ai is not allowed. Your responses should reflect your own analysis and understanding of the novel.

📚Novel Questions:

Exposition

1. How does the author introduce the setting, characters, and conflict in the exposition? What details help establish the tone of the novel? Use specific examples from the text, including page numbers, to support your answer.

Rising Action

2. What key events in the rising action build suspense or tension? How do these events develop the protagonist's character or struggles? Provide specific examples from the text, including page numbers, to support your answer.

Climax

3. What moment serves as the turning point or climax of the novel? How does this event shift the direction of the story? Use specific examples from the text, including page numbers, to support your answer.

Falling Action

4. How do the events following the climax begin to resolve the conflict? What changes occur in the protagonist or other major characters during this time? Use specific examples from the text, including page numbers, to support your answer.

Resolution

5. How is the central conflict ultimately resolved? Do you think the resolution is satisfying? Why or why not? Use specific examples from the text, including page numbers, to support your answer.

Theme

6. What is one major theme of the novel? How does the author develop this theme throughout the story? Use specific examples from the text, including page numbers, to support your answer.

Symbolism

7. Identify a symbol used in the novel. What does this symbol represent, and how does it contribute to the novel's overall meaning? Use specific examples from the text, including page numbers, to support your answer.

For questions, please email Mrs. Katherine Peugh at peugh@cghsfl.org