11th Grade English III Summer Reading Assignment 2026-2027

1. After you read each short story, answer the two questions found at the bottom of this page. Make sure that you answer every part of each question and meet the sentence number requirements. When you are finished, you will have six responses (two for each short story).
2. Bring your completed assignment to the first day of class in August.

(1) “The Handsomest Drowned Man in the World” by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
https://2.files.edl.io/hGWHxgPXw8U6z0BozLOnhv7KAA5RY2PE8qXNhrivgn0QtmaN.pdf

(2) “The Tell-Tale Heart” by Edgar Allan Poe
https://americanenglish.state.gov/files/ae/resource_files/the_tell-tale_heart_0.pdf

(3) “The Story of an Hour” by Kate Chopin
https://my.hrw.com/support/hos/hostpdf/host_text_219.pdf

The two questions to answer for each story:

Question 1

Identify a theme addressed in the story and explain how it is supported and developed throughout the story. Please make sure to answer the question fully and use textual evidence to support your thinking (at least 5-7 sentences per question).

Question 2

What is the role of the main character and how does the main character contribute to the theme you choose in question one. Please make sure to answer the question fully and use textual evidence to support your thinking (at least 5-7 sentences per question).