

**English World Literature Honors
Grade 10
Summer Reading Assignment**

Any questions, please
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1. Read the following by the first day of school:

1984 by George Orwell
Night by Elie Wiesel
Antigone by Sophocles

2. Write an expository essay on ONE of the following topics:

Pride: Pride and its effects are a central part of *Antigone*. It is a trait despised by the gods, who bring suffering to the proud. However, to the Greek mind, pride is also an extricable part of greatness. Both *Antigone* and *Creon* are incredibly proud, making it impossible for either one of them to back down once they have taken a stand.

OR

Individual vs. State: The conflict between the individual and the power of the state was as pressing for Greek audiences as it is for modern ones. *Antigone* is a threat to the status quo; She invokes divine law in defense of her actions, but it is really her individual conscience that drives her. She sacrifices her life out of devotion to principles higher than human law.

Format for Paper

- two to three pages in length
- clearly defined thesis statement
- quotations from the play as support (with proper citations)
- MLA format
- Double spaced, size 12, Times New Roman, 1" margins
- Creative title/cover sheet

DUE DATE: First day of school. Every day late will be 10% penalty.

In addition, be prepared for a test/quiz on each story upon your return to school.

***Please use your time over the summer efficiently. Do not wait until the last minute, as these readings and assignments can be quite time consuming.**