

**Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School  
9th Grade AICE Cambridge 2017  
Summer Reading Assignments**



**Assignment deadlines:**

Essay #1: Due on the **second day of class.**

Essay #2: Due on the **third day of class.**

You must complete all assignments. **Late work will not be accepted!**

**Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated! All work must be your own. Do not make use of spark notes or any other novel guide. Any paper which is plagiarized will receive Zeroes.**

**Novels:**

1. **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Sea of Monsters (book 2 of series)** by Rick Riordan
2. **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian** by Sherman Alexie

**Essay #1: Pre-AICE Paper 2, Question 3: Summary**

**Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Sea of Monsters (book 2 of series)**

**Directions:** Read the following prompt and write a developed paragraph that makes use of specific details from the novel but be sure to put them in your own words. You need 15 specific events in total. This response should be typed.

**Summarize:**

- (a) Specific events that reveal the challenges Percy and his friends face in the Sea of Monsters and how they overcome them. Do not include events before or after their adventure at sea and so none of your details should focus on Luke or the camp.

You will be graded according to the following Pre-AICE Rubric:

Marks for	CONTENT & STRUCTURE
1-15	One mark per relevant point up to a maximum of 15 (must be in their own words – no quotes)
Marks for	QUALITY OF WRITING
5	All pts. clearly made and in their own words / Strongly focused on passage
4	Mostly concise & well-focused / Own words used consistently
3	Some areas of concision/ Occasional loss of focus / Mostly in their own words / May use some quotes
2	Mostly focused, w/some exs. of comment, repetition, or long explanation / Occasional quoting of phrases & sentences
1	Frequently un-focused & wordy / Uses wrong genre/ Frequent quoting
0	Over-reliance on quoting

**Essay #2: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**

**Pre-AICE Paper 2, Question 1: Newspaper Article**

**Directions:** Read the following prompt and respond in a typed newspaper article

Headline: From Outsider to Baseball Star

Reardan Gazette

Imagine that after Arnold defeats his former school in their second baseball showdown the Reardan school newspaper writes a newspaper article about the game with a focus on Arnold's journey in school

from being ignored, mocked, making it to the baseball team, and then becoming a star player. Also, explain the tension Arnold felt in facing off against his former school and best friend.

Write a typed newspaper article. Do not use columns. A newspaper article has short paragraphs (about 2-3 lines so you should have about 10-12 paragraphs) and follows the following format: 1. Recent event (Who? What? Where? When? How?), 2. Background leading up to event, 3. Quotes from sources, and 4. Future event (what will occur next). Also, newspaper articles do not use 1<sup>st</sup> person pronouns (I, me, my, we, us) so don't say "I interviewed Arnold and he said...". Instead, write "When interviewed, Arnold recalls, ...". Feel free to read current newspaper articles as a guide.

You will be graded according to the following Pre-AICE Rubric:

Marks for	CONTENT & STRUCTURE	Marks Earned
13-15	Reveals thorough reading; relevant pts. developed w/ingenuity, understanding, & humor when appropriate; own ideas are well related	
10-12	Some well-developed ideas w/starting pts.; inconsistent sustained arguments	
7-9	Passage used satisfactorily; doesn't reflect detailed picture; few opportunities taken to develop or interpret	
4-6	Some ref. to text w/brief, straightforward development; lacks originality	
1-3	General answers w/little specific ref.; insubstantial & repetitive details	
0	Rarely relevant; little material	
Marks for	QUALITY OF WRITING	Marks Earned
5	Well-sequenced, clear tone, enhanced & wide range of pers. Langs.	
4	Orderly sequenced sentences, mostly clear info. w/some effective langs.	
3	Some well-sequenced sentences, fairly clear info. w/appropriate lang.	
2	Occasionally well-sequenced sentences, simple lang.	
1	Sentences lack clear pattern; only adequate lang.	