

**Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School  
9th Grade AICE Cambridge 2016  
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. **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian** by Sherman Alexie
2. **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Sea of Monsters (book 2 of series)** by Rick Riordan

**Essay #1: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**

**Pre-AICE Paper 2, Question 3: Summary**

**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 ups and downs of Arnold's relationship with Rowdy.

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: Sea of Monsters**

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

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

Headline: Daughter of Ares Saves Camp  
Camp Half-Blood News

Imagine that after Clarisse returns to Camp Half Blood with the Golden Fleece an article is written about her rescue of the fleece from Polyphemus for the camp newspaper. Write the article in newspaper style giving background information on her trip to Polyphemus' island, her rescue of Grover, as well as her return to camp to save Thalia's tree. Use details from the novel, though you can add a few creative

details. Be aware that Clarisse will want to portray herself in the best light possible and that though she may mention Percy and Annabeth, she will probably not give them much credit.

Write a typed newspaper article. 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 Clarisse and she said...". Instead, write "When interviewed, Clarisse 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.	

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Part I: Read the following novel: **Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe**

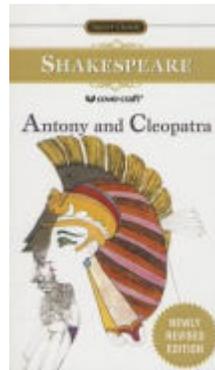
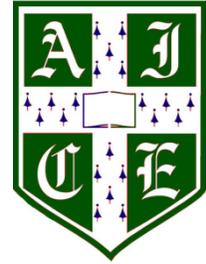
Part II: **You will organize and write an essay that conveys your understanding of one of the themes present in *Things Fall Apart*. The essay is due on the first day of class**

Prompt: One of the themes of Achebe's novel is the striving after titles, trophies, and status in general. Write an essay commenting on the presence and importance of status symbols in Okonkwo's world and today's world. Explain their appeal and the ways in which searching for status symbols is a negative force in life.

Requirements: **A completed essay will have all of the following elements:**

- A clear, thoughtful, and well-organized thesis (using subordinate clause) that ties to the novel and serves as a foundation for the entire essay
- Well-structured topic sentences (with subordinate clause) that relate to the thesis and provide a focus for each body paragraph
- Seamlessly integrated quotes from the novel to support your thesis and TSs (five total, at least two per body paragraph)
- Thoughtful analysis that sheds light on the topic sentences and goes beyond a surface understanding of the theme.
- An introductory paragraph to set up your argument and chart your course
- A concluding paragraph to wrap-up your points and express the relevance of your topic outside of an academic setting (how is this significant in the real world? why should someone outside of class care?)
- Formatted through MLA guidelines

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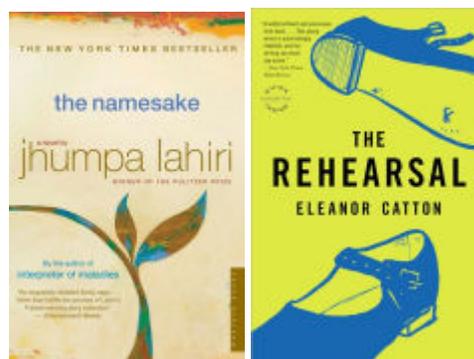


**Part I: *Antony & Cleopatra* – by William Shakespeare**

Write a 500-600 word essay on the following topic: **The essay is due on the first day of class**  
**How does Shakespeare explore power in this play?**

In your answer you should:

- Set out clearly some of the ways that power is highlighted through different characters
- Explain how power affects the development of the tragedy



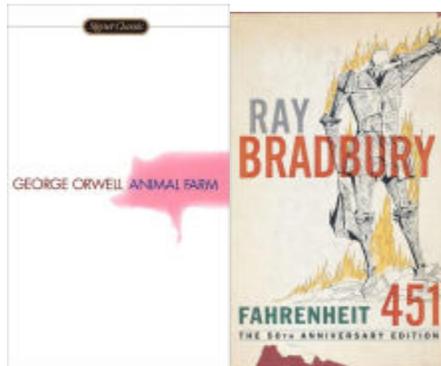
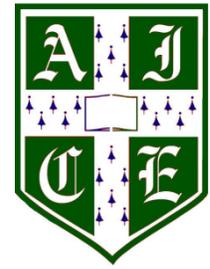
**Part II: Critical Reading**

Read the two following texts, and be prepared to write analytical essays on both during the first week of school.

*The Namesake* – Jhumpa Lahiri

*The Rehearsal* – Eleanor Catton

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**12<sup>th</sup> Grade AICE General Paper**  
**2016 Summer Reading Assignments**



This summer, you will be reading two novels that have a common link: Propaganda and Persuasion.

#1 Read both novels. (*Animal Farm* by George Orwell & *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury)

#2 Compose an essay on the following topic:

Propaganda is an effective persuasive tool used to create conformity within a society. How far do you agree?

● In your essay, you must use text citations from both novels

● Format: MLA - use the following website as a guide

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

● Tips:

Your essay must be 4-5 pages of writing, not including cover page and Works Cited page

Your essay must be typed in 12 pt. font

Your essay must be double spaced

Your essay must be printed in black ink

Your essay must have a cover page

Your essay must have a Works Cited page citing both novels