

Summer Reading Assignment 10th Grade World Literature Timothy Christian School

Directions: Complete Task #1 and Task #2.

All assignments will be submitted in TEAMS under **10th Grade World Literature**. You can begin working on these assignments now. You will be able to submit assignments in TEAMS during the first week in August. If you are new to the school or have trouble with TEAMS, you may email your summer work to Mrs. Nelson at bnelson@timothychristian.org. You may also email her if you have any questions about the assignment.

TASK #1: Read the assigned book and complete the book review sheet. The completed book review sheet is due the first day of school. Use a separate piece of paper for your answers. All work will be graded.

Read: The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas (Translated and Abridged by Lowell Bair ISBN 0-553-21350-4) ***Can be obtained at school or can be purchased**

Set against the turbulent years of the Napoleonic era, Alexandre Dumas's thrilling adventure story is one of the most widely read romantic novels of all time. In it the dashing young hero, Edmond Dantès, is betrayed by his enemies and thrown into a secret dungeon in the Chateau d'If -- doomed to spend his life in a dank prison cell. The story of his long, intolerable years in captivity, his miraculous escape, and his carefully wrought revenge creates a dramatic tale of mystery and intrigue and paints a vision of France -- a dazzling, dueling, exuberant France -- that has become immortal.

By: http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/522110.The_Count_of_Monte_Cristo

TASK #2: In a well-developed five paragraph essay of not less than four pages, write an essay in which you introduce a thematic statement of the Count of Monte Cristo. Think of this as the moral lesson the work is attempting to convey. Chose one of the following themes to write about:

- **Revenge:** What is the author saying about revenge? Does revenge bring resolution? Is revenge ever justified?
- **Justice:** What is justice? How is justice presented in the novel? How does the theme of justice in this novel compare to what the Bible says on the topic? (use Bible verses to back up your ideas)

In each of your body paragraphs, open with a claim related to the thesis, cite evidence to support your claim, and provide analysis about what Dumas is trying to convey. Close by summarizing your argument and providing lasting thoughts on the work and its message. Use MLA formatting and avoid first and second person pronouns.

