

The Calverton School

Upper School

2021 - 2022

Summer Reading ESL English

Over the summer please close read *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway. Follow the Close Reading Guidelines below. On the second day of class, I will give an in-class writing assignment on a choice of topics that will demand a thorough understanding of the novel. Your close reading notes will also be graded.

1. Students will close read each text they have chosen to read for summer work. This is difficult for some students because they have been taught to respect books and to preserve them so that others may enjoy them. In order to study them carefully, the student must underline specific passages and ideas in order to locate them later for further review, and there is no better show of respect for an author than engaged reading. The kind of notes the student takes are a personal matter, but it is strongly recommended that they include the following:
 - **Underlining in the text**
 - words, phrases, sentences or (rarely) whole passages that the student finds to be of particular beauty, interest, or importance
 - unfamiliar vocabulary words to be looked up in the dictionary
 - passages that the student wishes to bring up in class discussion
 - the introduction of characters and character description
 - important events
 - examples of literary techniques and terms
 - examples of an author's individual style
 - anything that is "noteworthy"
 - **Marginal Notes – reminders as to why a passage was underlined**
 - new discovery such as "setting is Gulf Stream/Cuba" or "boarding school"
 - short phrase referring to an important event such as "Pudge gets nickname"
 - reference to literary terms such as "foreshadowing, metaphor, and allusion" etc.
 - comparison to another work such as "contrast with Ponyboy in *The Outsiders*"
 - any thematic reference such as "man against nature" or "desire for individuality"
 - any repeated usage like "eye motif" or "animal imagery"
 - change in narrative voice
 - anything "noteworthy"
 - v. for an unfamiliar word the needs a definition
 - notes needing amplification should be written in a notebook with class notes and reflective journal.