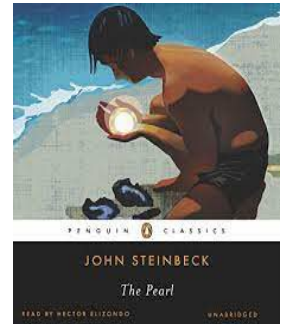




Cardinal Mooney High School
Honors English I Summer Reading Assignment
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Dear Honors English I Students:

Honors English is a course that engages students in the careful reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature. Through the close reading of selected texts, students deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for their readers. As they read, students should consider a work's structure, style and themes, as well as smaller scale elements such as the use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism, and tone.



Below you will find the summer work for this course. This work will help you prepare for the type of work we will do in Honors English I.

Please read the directions carefully.

Please purchase a copy of *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck. You will be asked to bring the novel to school the first week of classes.

You will complete a timed writing assignment in the first two weeks of school based on your understanding of the novella. Prompts will be similar to the ones listed below.

For this essay on *The Pearl*, you will choose, **one** of the following ideas and develop it into an organized, five paragraph essay. Be sure to answer the question in a succinct, comprehensive, five-paragraph essay. Your essay should:

- Be at least 5 paragraphs
- Contain a claim and quotes from the novel that support your claim statement.
- Trace the symbolism of the pearl throughout the novel. What various things does the pearl symbolize? What does it mean to Kino at different stages of the novel? What does it mean to different members of the community?
- Who or what is most responsible for the tragedy that Kino and his family experience.
- Using quotes from the novel, trace Kino's development from man to animal to machine. Discuss why these changes occurred within Kino. Then, explain what Kino is at the end of the novel (man, animal, or machine) when he "drew back his arm and flung the pearl with all his might" back into the sea.
- Is Kino a hero or a fool? Make a case for one of the two options and provide references from the novel to support your position.

In addition to reading *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck, students should join Khan Academy using the Class code below and complete the lessons #1-5 on Parts of Speech, and Lesson 8 on Syntax: Sentences and Clauses. Students can start by completing the course challenge and then working their way through the units listed below. Students should achieve Proficiency on these skills.

All Honors English students should visit www.khanacademy.org/join and enter your class code **JNP9VG6W**.

Complete the Following:

Unit 1

Parts of speech: the noun

Unit 2

Parts of speech: the verb

Unit 3

Parts of speech: the modifier

Unit 5

Parts of speech: the preposition and the conjunction

Unit 8

Syntax: sentences and clauses

Thank you and look forward to meeting all of you in August.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Smith