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11th Grade Summer Assignment 2019

Novel Selection

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Synopsis

Frankenstein, an instant bestseller and an important ancestor of both the horror and science fiction genres, not only tells a terrifying story, but also raises profound, disturbing questions about the very nature of life and the place of humankind within the cosmos: What does it mean to be human? What responsibilities do we have to each other? How far can we go in tampering with Nature? In our age, filled with news of organ donation genetic engineering, and bio-terrorism, these questions are more relevant than ever.

Grading Criterion

- The assignment is due by August 26-27, 2019 to your English Honors III. **Students should be prepared for a novel test the same week that the assignment is due.**
- Late submissions and email copies will NOT be accepted.
- Grades will be based on creativity, neatness, the accuracy of the information, and how well directions were followed.

Resources

Below are some ways to acquire free or inexpensive copies of the required summer reading:

1. The local libraries or bookstores have copies of most of the books.

Note: **If you wait until the last minute, your selection will likely be limited.**

2. A list of websites (new or used copies) can be purchased at up to a 50% discount.
 - EBay (www.ebay.com)
 - Half.com (www.half.ebay.com)
 - Amazon.com (www.amazon.com)
 - Book Closets.com (www.bookclosets.com).

Summer Reading Assignment

Expectations:

First, and most importantly, I expect you read and annotate *Frankenstein* in its entirety. Remember that annotation encompasses much more than just highlighting the text. Annotation demonstrates deliberate and meaningful interaction with the text and shows understanding of the characters and themes presented. In other words, along with highlighting or underlining, you should incorporate marginal notes throughout the novel.

Overview:

This is a deep and meaningful text often alluded to and discussed among scholars of multiple subject areas as it contemplates on various aspects of our society such as:

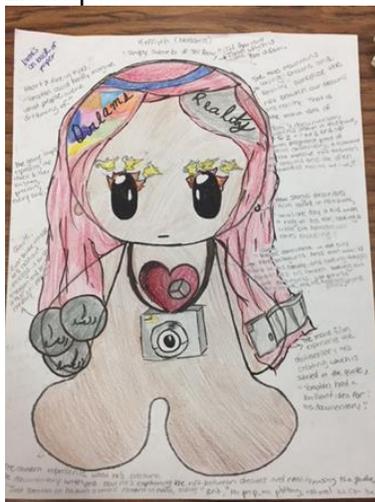
1. What does it mean to be human?
2. Where do the benefits of education and technology begin and end?
3. What role does society and/or family play in the creation of a human?

Assignment:

As you read, consider the questions above and how they relate to Victor Frankenstein and the creature in the novel. You may want to annotate the text using the questions as a guide. Once you have finished reading the novel, record how Victor and the creature feel regarding the questions posed above. Use evidence within the text to support your ideas, either in the form of quotes or instances involving the characters. Feel free to include symbols/colors which you feel represent the characters and add to your understanding/explanation.

Record your findings in on a paper doll. You should have one for each character. An example using another text has been provided for you along with a blank template.

Example



Template

