

## Summer Reading English IV CP

Novel: *Northanger Abbey* Jane Austen

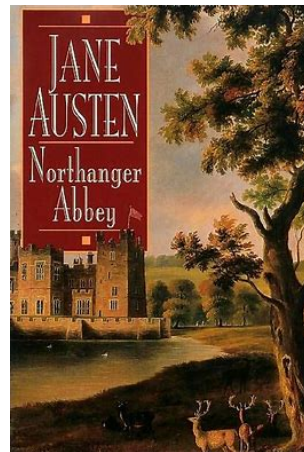
In order to be prepared for the fun adventures of English and to reinforce important concepts and analytical skills, you will be reading a “gothic parody” and delving into the commentary that Austen makes through her characters.

**\*\*Remember that your reading assignment should be completed and posted into your Google Classroom prior to the first day of school. This counts as the first test grade of the year. When you return to school you will have an in-class written assignment to further check your understanding of the novel.**

As you read the novel you will keep a journal that shows how you are interacting with the text. This journal should be posted into the GoogleDoc template that you will have in your Google Classroom. Assignment is due BEFORE the first day of school.

Instructions:

- For every **3 chapters** of reading, you will write a journal entry between **7-10 sentences**. You will choose a direct quote/passage from the text and write about its overall significance, deeper meaning, and/or how you relate to it. (Your passage does not count as part of your sentences)
- You should have a **total of 10 or 11** journal entries.
- Ideas for analyses you may choose to include:
  - Hidden meanings
  - Metaphors, allegory, similes, allusions, morals etc.
- Ideas for experiences you may choose to relate:
  - Memories
  - Other literary works
  - Real-life scenarios
  - Ethical/ social dilemmas
  - Historical context



**\*\* Your entry should have:**

1. A date
2. A citation/passage that is part of a quote sandwich. Make sure you are introducing the quote AND explaining its significance.
3. An analytical response of 7 to 10 sentences
4. Writing should be in MLA format (Times New Roman, 12 pt font, double spaced).

***Should you have questions please reach out: [anamelnichenko@andersonchristian.net](mailto:anamelnichenko@andersonchristian.net)***

**Friendly word of advice- Don't wait until the last minute to start reading, and enjoy your summer!**

**\*\*\*\*\* HONOR PLEDGE:** At the end of the journal, type the following honor pledge: I pledge that I your name read (not skimmed) all of *Northanger Abbey*. I pledge that I did not plagiarize (copy, use online source, or AI-generate) any part of my assignment.

## **Sample Journal Response:**

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Due Date

5th July, 2024

Sample Response:

Jane Austen has been commenting on the roles of women in society since she wrote short stories as young as 15 yrs. of age. There is tact and humor to the things that she addresses and it leads the reader to questions whether the social expectations of her time were truly remarkable or confining. She states in the novel that “A woman, especially if she have the misfortune of knowing anything, should conceal it as well as she can”. Clearly she isn’t stating that knowledge is a negative thing, so much so a trait that is not socially accepted or valued by the patriarchal society that she lives in. Being an educated woman was not seen as an honor, but a detriment which is where her humor comes in. Austen is clearly a woman socially and emotionally thinking beyond her time, and she understands that knowledge is power and ignorance is not actually something that should be feigned to maintain social order. In this one statement she is able to reveal her belief that women should be and likely are knowledgeable, that men are intimidated and unsupportive of these types of women, and the idiocy that knowledge is therefore a misfortune that needs to be concealed.