

Summer Reading English 1 CP

Novel: *The Horse and his Boy* C.S. Lewis

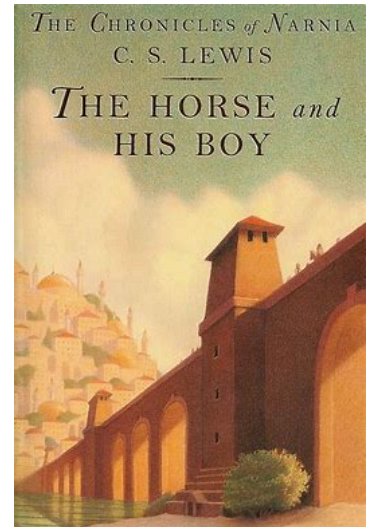
In order to be prepared for the fun adventures of English and to reinforce important concepts and analytical skills, you will be reading a story focused on how even simple acts of courage can affect the trajectory of a young person's life.

****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 **chapter** of reading (there are **15 total**), 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 15** journal entries
- Ideas you may choose to include:
 - Literary Analysis
 - *Metaphors, allegory, similes, allusions, morals etc.
- Ideas for experiences you may choose to relate:
 - Memories
 - Other works/ pop-culture
 - Real-life scenarios
 - Ethical/ social dilemmas



**** Your entry should have:**

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

Should you have questions please reach out: 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 *The Horse and His Boy*. 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 (Date of Reading/Response)

Sample Response:

As Shasta continues on with his adventure he has a set goal in his mind that he needs to accomplish. The narrator states that, “One of the drawbacks about adventures is that when you come to the most beautiful places you are often too anxious and hurried to appreciate them”. This statement reveals the irony of the journey that the protagonist is on. While the end-goal and achievements that lie ahead are wonderful in and of themselves, they are nothing compared to the lessons learned while on the path to achieving. It seems that the narrator was making a statement about the personality of Shasta, in that he is missing out on things that hold value. Also, he is making a generalization about humanity and how they are so caught up in the ways of this world that they don’t take the time to truly live in the moment. It seems that in striving to live for greatness they are forgetting that living is great in and of itself. C.S. Lewis continues his commentary on human nature when he states “You're only a form of disorderly motion-captured in a temporary structure of matter”. In other words, human life is transient; We are like a vapor that is here one moment and gone the next. Our trials, passions, and efforts may seem

monumental in our eyes, but in the grand scheme of things and in light of eternity they are nothing more than a particle of matter.