

Summer Reading English III CP

Novel: *Little Women* Louisa May Alcott

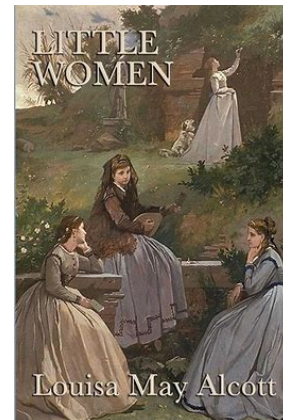
In order to be prepared for the fun adventures of English and to reinforce important concepts and analytical skills, you will be reading a story focused on the role of women in society and the effects of social expectations on the trajectory of their lives.

****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 **5 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 8-10** 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

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 *Little Women*. 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:

There are so many nuances to the role of women and the varied personalities and perspectives that Alcott introduced through her characters. The role of Mrs. March stands out among them because she is the matriarch of the family and guides her daughters into their own, personal sense of independence and accomplishment. At one point in the novel she states ““The sincere wish to be good is half the battle”. It isn’t enough to desire something, it has to be attained. Wanting “goodness”, joy, success etc. is nothing more than a wish until it is achieved. Not only that, but once achieved it has to be put to use, else who is to say that it was ever achieved at all? Mrs. March’s words reveal her wisdom and life experience because she understands the complexities of human ambition and the fact that they are never truly accomplished. The battle to do what is right is never ending, and just when we think we have things figured out, something else comes along to remind us of how much more we still need to grow emotionally and spiritually. It is evident that her beliefs greatly influence the thought processes of her daughters and spur the plot along.