



The Catholic High School of Baltimore **Summer Reading Assignment**

Teacher's Name: Ms. Wozniak

School Year: 2023-2024

Grade Level: 9

Course No.: 111

Course Name: English Composition & Literature

Academic Level (Honors/AP/CP/CPA): Honors

ASSIGNED READING

We Have Always Lived in the Castle by Shirley Jackson

ISBN: 978-0143039976

ASSIGNMENT

Read Shirley Jackson's *We Have Always Lived in the Castle*.

Create ten index cards (4 x 6, or 5 x 8) for each chapter of the book, as well as one additional card (11 total). Include the following information on each card.

- Chapter number at the top with your name on each card (there will be ten of these)
- Write a one sentence summary of what happens in the chapter
- Identify and write a powerful description of something that happened in the chapter
- Write a statement that begins with "I noticed ..." and address something interesting or significant that you noticed in the chapter
- Identify and write a key quote from the chapter. Look for something that relates directly to the portrayal of a character or illustrates a theme in the novel and explain its significance.

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- On the back of each index card create some sort of picture that coincides with that chapter and in minimal details explain the significance. It can be an event, a character that was significant, a place, a clue, etc.
- On the eleventh card create new book cover art (do not recreate the current cover). This should be a new design that resonates with you and translates what you learned/took away from the reading. On the back write a brief description of why you chose this design.

Rubric - Total 51 points

Required Elements - 11 points

All required elements are included (11 cards with all the information).
Additional elements have been added beyond the basic requirements

Written Content - 10 points

The content reflects a strong understanding of the text. Information is thorough and goes beyond surface level and demonstrates a clear and thoughtful analysis of the book.

Textual Evidence - 10 points

Written and illustrated work is supported with relevant textual evidence (quote) and shows both an understanding and connection to the book and author.

Grammar, Spelling, and Mechanics - 10 points

There should be little to no errors in grammar, spelling, or mechanics.

Neatness & Creativity - 10 points

Your project should be neat, colorful, and visually appealing. Drawings are purposeful and effective. Nothing should be left in pencil. The project should not only be creative, but orderly (not like you just put it together).

Per The Catholic High School of Baltimore's Honor Code, your work must be your own. Any type of academic dishonesty in completing this assignment will result in an automatic failing grade and a referral to the administration for disciplinary action.