



The Catholic High School of Baltimore Summer Reading List

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School Year: 2022-2023

Grade Level: 9

Course No.: 112

Course Name: English Composition & Literature

Academic Level (Honors/AP/CP1/CP2/CPA): College Preparatory

ASSIGNED READING: *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya

ASSIGNMENT:

Directions: Follow the directions in the task column to analyze the quote provided in column two. Look back in the book to help you if necessary. Page numbers are approximate depending on the version you purchase.

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	<u>Example (quote) from text Page #</u>	<u>Task</u>
Main idea	<p>“You must understand that when anybody, bruja or curandera, tampers with the fate of a man, sometimes a chain of events is set into motion over which no one will have complete control. You must be willing to accept this responsibility. (87)</p>	<p><u>Summarize</u> the <u>main idea</u> expressed in the quote in column two:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



<p>Supporting Details</p>	<p>“Now he held up the cross in the face of those evil women and cried out, ‘Jesus, Maria, y Jose!’ At the sight of the cross and at the sound of those holy words the three sisters fell to the ground in a fit of agony and pain.” (88)</p>	<p>What detail best supports the idea that witches can be stopped with the cross or good powers?</p> <p>Detail _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>How does it support the idea that witches can be stopped with a cross? _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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<p>Simile</p>	<p>“I knew I had witnessed a miraculous thing, the appearance of a pagan god, a thing as miraculous as the curing of my uncle Lucas. And I thought, the power of God failed where Ultima’s worked; and then a sudden illumination of beauty and understanding flashed through my mind.”</p> <p>(114)</p>	<p>Explain the simile used in the quote in column two</p> <p>Simile: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Explain what is being compared: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Context Clues (Vocab.)</p>	<p>“If God was witness to my beholding of the golden carp then I had sinned! I <u>clasped</u> my hands and was about to pray to the heavens when the waters of the pond exploded.”</p> <p>(114)</p>	<p>Using context clues (synonyms, opposites, contrasts, comparisons, or an explanation) what does the word <u>clasped</u> mean?</p> <p>Based on _____</p> <p><u>clasped</u> means _____</p>



<p>Foreshadow</p>	<p>"¡Ay bruja!" Tenorio threatened with his fist, "for what you have said to shame my daughters and my good name in front of those men, I will see you dead!" (94)</p>	<p>Explain how foreshadowing is used in the quote in column two.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Motif</p>	<p>"The power of the doctors and the power of the priests had failed to cure my uncle. Now everyone depended on Ultima's magic. Was it possible that there was more power in Ultima's magic than in the priests?" (99)</p>	<p>Explain how this quote (in column 2) is an example of the motif, traditional religion vs. nature and spiritualism.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



<p>Implicit (Implied)</p>	<p>“We waited listening to the cries of the coyote pack scratching at our wall. Then I heard Ultima’s owl, ‘Oooo’ it shrieked, dove, and pounced on the coyotes... Ultima laughed, ‘<u>Oh those Trementia sisters will be cut and bruised tomorrow.</u>’ (99)</p>	<p>What is implied when Ultima says “Oh those Trementia sisters will be cut and bruised tomorrow”?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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<p>Vocab. & Details</p>	<p>“We shared a common struggle against the evil within, which fought to repulse Ultima’s magic. Time ceased to exist. Ultima came and went.” (100)</p>	<p>Why does the narrator use the word ceased? What does it mean? How do you think the narrator feels at this time?</p> <p>The narrator used the word ceased because _____ _____ _____</p> <p>The word ceased means _____ _____</p> <p>The narrator feels _____ _____ _____ _____</p>
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