



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

**Teacher's Name:** English Faculty

**School Year:** 2022-2023

**Grade Level:** 12

**Course No.:** 141

**Course Name:** World Literature

**Academic Level (Honors/AP/CP1/CP2/CPA):** Honors

**Novel:**

*On Canaan's Side* by Sebastian Barry

**Assignment:**

Choose one of the literature writing prompts and answer it in complete essay form. Specific requirements are listed after the prompts.

1. Some works of literature use the element of time in a distinct way. The chronological or sequence of events may be altered, suspended, or accelerated. Discuss how the author's manipulation of time contributes to the effectiveness of the work as a whole.
2. An effective literary work does not merely stop or cease; it concludes. In the view of some critics, a work that does not provide the pleasure of significant closure has terminated with an artistic fault. A satisfactory ending is not, however, always conclusive in every sense; significant closures may require the reader to abide with or adjust to ambiguity and uncertainty. Discuss the ending of the novel, explaining precisely how and why the ending appropriately or inappropriately concludes.
3. In many works of literature, past events can affect, positively or negatively, the present actions, attitudes, or values of a character. Choose a character in the novel who contends with some aspect of the past, either personal or societal. Discuss how the characters's relationship to the past contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole.

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**Requirements:**

1. Complete essay format with an introduction, body, and closing. Think quality over quantity.
2. MLA format
3. Integrate at least two quotes from the novel.

**Due:** On the first day of school.

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