

Summer Reading Assignment  
Honors Juniors

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Books: Hiroshima by John Hersey  
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines

Read the attached article, sign and return the honor code statement along with the assignments.

The following assignments are due on the first day of school. They will count as a major grade. Type your written responses and put your responses in a folder. Also, email me your work or bring a disc with your work saved to it. See attached for instructions on formatting your responses. Be sure to bring your novels with you on the first day of school.

*Hiroshima* assignments: answer each question or direction completely and then write your response in a paragraph or more, not a single sentence. Support your answers with information from the book.

**Assignment #1** As you read the novel, mark passages that you find interesting or important. Once you finish reading, go back and choose three of the passages you marked and write the passage and page number, as well as an explanation of each passage and why you chose it.

**Assignment #2** Find three visual images that you feel best represent the themes or motifs found in the novel. Write an explanation of what your image is, what it represents, and how it connects to the themes or motifs of the novel. (paragraph form)

**Assignment #3** Create a map (2 dimensional or 3 dimensional) of the locations mentioned in the book and then write an explanation of the importance of each location. (Think broad – not necessarily historical) Your explanation should be a minimum of 1 page typed double spaced with 12 point font.

*A Lesson Before Dying* assignments: answer each question fully, giving support or examples from the novel. Your responses should be a minimum of one well developed paragraph.

**Assignment #4**

- 1) Who is the hero of the novel? Explain your choice.
- 2) Why hasn't Grant left the quarter and his job already?
- 3) What is the importance of the notebook?
- 4) Why does Jefferson begin to change his attitude toward Grant?
- 5) What does this novel have to do with today's world?

**Assignment #5** Find a critical analysis of the work, make a photo copy of it, read it, and write a multi paragraph essay agreeing or disagreeing with the ideas presented. (You will turn in the critical analysis and your response) To find a critical analysis, go to the Alabama Virtual Library (on-line) Use the AVL number assigned to you by the DHS library. Choose Literature, Resources, Title (*A Lesson Before Dying*), document with full text and go. DO NOT choose a review of the novel to use as your critical analysis.

Your Name  
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Title of Novel  
Author

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Type your response here. Make sure the body of your work is double spaced while the information at the top of the page is single spaced. Be sure to fully answer each question and to provide reasons for your choices. Your reasons and explanations are critical! Also, be sure to use your words – not something you copied from the internet. I will be checking your work on the web.

If you have any questions, please email me and I will get back to you. Have a great summer! Enjoy the novels and I look forward to seeing you and your work in the fall.

Ms. Gossett