



The Catholic High School of Baltimore Summer Reading List

Teacher's Name: Mrs. Hart

School Year: 2011-2012 **Grade Level:** 12

Course No.: 149 **Course Name:** AP English Literature

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

Reading:

Much Ado About Nothing, Shakespeare
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan
Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe

Assignment:

You will have the opportunity to read *Much Ado About Nothing* by Shakespeare, *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan, and *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. You will then write essays that offer your insights about the works. You do not need any secondary materials to complete the essays. Each student contributes something valuable to our understanding of the literature. I am eager to hear your own impressions of the texts.

Each essay should be five paragraphs in length and include a clear and specific thesis statement. The essay should not be a plot summary. It is an argument that you are advancing about the work. You may focus on character, theme, or symbolism when developing your thesis. You should also use clear topic sentences and direct quotes to support your points. Remember to cite all quotes using proper MLA citation. Be sure to analyze the quotes that you include and explain how they prove your argument.

The essays should be typed and double-spaced. You should email me the essay on *Much Ado About Nothing* by July 15th. I will collect the other essays on the first day that the class meets.

In addition, you will be tested on these texts. The test date will be announced on the first day of school. (You should expect the test during the first week of school.)

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