

HONORS WORLD HISTORY

Congratulations! You have been accepted into the Honors World History and English cohort.

By enrolling in the honors program, you have placed yourself into an area of higher expectations and responsibility. We will move at a faster pace, read more, engage in more discussions, and delve deeper into topics.

Please complete the following tasks by **August 31, 2010**:

- Register for turnitin.com.
 - Go to the website, turnitin.com
 - Locate “create an account” at the top of the page under the log in information
 - Create an account
 - Class ID: 3302285
 - Password: oakcrest1
 - You will submit your assignments on this site

- Read the novel *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. If you are unable to purchase this novel you may pick up a copy in the guidance department at Oakcrest High School.
- Complete a double entry journal.
 - ✓ A double-entry journal is a great way to interact with a novel. It allows you to reflect, ask questions or react to what you are reading. It will also help you prepare for class discussions, short assignments or to generate ideas for writing papers.
 - ✓ You can format your journal by creating a table with one row and two columns.
 - In the left-hand column, copy a quote or describe an event which is intriguing, puzzling, moving, or which connects to a previous entry or situation. In the right-hand column, react to the quotation or event.
 - Entries are made whenever a natural pause in the reading occurs (like the end of a chapter or a significant event), so that the flow of reading is not constantly interrupted.
 - Provide a minimum of 30 entries
 - Upload your double entry journal to turnitin.com

Quote or event from the text + speaker (if applicable) and page #	<p>Reactions (“This is surprising, interesting, moving, annoying, etc. because...”)</p> <p>Reflection (“I wonder if...”)</p> <p>Questions (“Why...”)</p> <p>Possible answers (“Maybe because...”)</p> <p>Connections (text to text, text to self, text to world, to historical themes-like imperialism)</p> <p>Significance of quote</p> <p>Name literary techniques (foreshadowing, metaphor, etc.)</p>
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- Choose one of the following essays and answer in five-paragraph format. Your essay must contain adequate textual support, including direct quotations from the novel. Your essay must be typed, double-spaced, 12-point times new roman font, with 1-inch margins.
 - Critic Roland Barthes has said, “Literature is the question minus the answer.” Considering Barthes’ observation in relation to Chinua Achebe’s *Things Fall Apart*, write an essay in which you analyze the central question the work asks and the extent to which it offers answers. Explain how Achebe’s treatment of this question affects your understanding of the work as a whole. Avoid mere plot summary.
 - Some novels and plays seem to advocate change in social and political attitudes or in traditions. Discuss Chinua Achebe’s *Things Fall Apart* and note briefly the particular attitudes or traditions that Achebe apparently wishes to modify. Then analyze the techniques he uses to influence the views of you, the reader.
- Your essay must be submitted through turnitin.com by August 31st.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at KDaube@geh.nj.k12us.com.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to meeting you in September!

Ms. Daube