

## ENGLISH 11 TERM PAPER DIRECTIONS

The purpose of the English 11 term paper is to do all of the following: 1) Expose you to new, exciting literature, 2) Practice synthesizing ideas, researching information, analyzing text, and making information based connections, 3) Re-enforce time management strategies, and 4) Prepare you for college-level thought and writing.

### WHERE TO BEGIN...

**Step 1:** Find a book! Your book must fulfill the following guidelines:

- A) At *least* 150 pages (149 *does not* work!)
- B) No student may have the same author. First come, first served with authors!
- C) Make sure there is *lots* of information on the author and book before beginning.
- D) One you have *not* read for class and is at your grade level.
- E) Make sure the book you choose has a subject that captures your interest.

**Step 2:** Make a game plan. Fill out mini-goals/deadlines on the provided calendar. If you are not sure how to make realistic goals, have Ms. Berti or a parent help you.

**Step 3:** Read and take notes. Follow the “How to ensure success” tips on the back of this sheet.

**Step 4:** Write your paper. Bring drafts (even if it is only a little at a time). Ms. Berti will read as many as you bring in! There are three major components (Summary, Background Information, and Literary Techniques) to this paper. Do not “section” these off. *You are writing one cohesive paper.* Also, do not allow for any spelling, grammar, or MLA format issues as points will be deducted (See rubric).

### BIG WARNINGS...

- Computer and/or printer issues are *not* my problem. Plan ahead. Do not come to me to ask if you can go print out a paper. Papers are due at the beginning of the period. If you are concerned about your home computer/printer, finish early so you have a few days to problem-solve.
- The grading rubric *must* be attached to your paper. **No rubric, no grade.** I don't make extra copies.
- Term papers are due on the due date regardless of an absence. Absolutely NO late papers will be accepted under any condition. If you are ill, find someone reliable to deliver the paper to the school and have it stamped with the date and time in the main office.
- NOT reading is not an option. NOT writing your own paper is not an option. Plagiarism is considered using someone else's words or ideas, whether directly or indirectly, without giving the individual credit through proper citation. Plagiarism on any part of this paper (no matter how big or small) will result in 0/120 points (which would likely contribute to an F in the course) and a school referral. You will be required to submit your paper through turnitin.com *prior* to turning in a paper copy on the due date. I do not take this lightly and neither should you. DO YOUR OWN WORK.

**\*NOTE:** To save on resources, you will only receive directions for this paper one time (although you will have a total of three term papers throughout the year). Do not lose the directions- no extras will be made.