

Advanced Placement English - Summer Assignment 2007 - Cowan

Macbeth/ Shakespeare and Moby Dick/Melville

(100) Compare and contrast the concept of prophecy found in Macbeth and in Moby Dick. Discuss the significance of the prophecies on the outcome of each work (two pages typed).

(50) Read a critical review of Macbeth and of Moby Dick (each review must be at least one page and, a copy of each review must be submitted with the assignment). Summarize each review and provide personal commentary agreeing or disagreeing with each reviewer's thesis (one – two pages typed).

(50) Compile a bibliography on the history of whaling (5 sources) and on Medieval Scottish rulers (5 sources). All 10 sources must be text (**no Internet**) and must be according to MLA handout given. Be sure your bibliography is in alphabetical order. No generic encyclopedias may be used.

(50) Write a poem expressing Moby Dick's (the white whale) point of view as he is being pursued by Captain Ahab. (One page typed and must be read to the class)

(50) Memorize Macbeth's soliloquy (Act 5, scene 5, lines 17 – 28) "She should have died hereafter... signifying nothing." Recitation will be given to the class.

Grading criteria: Everyone must complete the first 100 point assignment. Choose two of the remaining 50 point assignments for a total of 200 points.

All completed assignments are due on the first day of class whether you are present or not. All late assignments will receive no more than 140 points, regardless of the quality of the work.

NB - Do the best that you can on each assignment so that I will have a fair example of your ability and willingness to persevere. Be sure that you see me prior to the end of this school year if you have any questions or concerns.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to working with you in the fall.

The adventure begins.