All 10th grade English students at Berean Christian School are expected to complete a summer reading assignment. Reading over the summer will help each student improve vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills that will make all studies more beneficial to academic achievement. The summer reading/writing assignments for all students will be due as follows: Objective Test over the required book will be on Friday, August 15th, 2014. The writing assignments will be due on Monday, August 25th, 2014. Students will be expected to turn in the written work as a hard copy AND upload the assignment(s) to turnitin.com (instructions for uploading the assignment(s) will be given the first week of school, so please just save your work on a memory stick until then).

PLEASE NOTE:

All students must read both the required AND a chosen book.

If the student is enrolled in 10th grade Regular English he/she is to complete Sections I, II, and III below.

If the student is enrolled in 10th grade Honors English he/she is to complete I, II, III, and IV below.

I. 10th Grade - Required Book
(An objective test and in-class writing assignment will be given on this book on Friday, August 15th, 2014.)

1. Alas Babylon – Pat Frank

II. Chosen Book Choices - Choose One:

1. Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of WWII – Joseph Bruchac
2. Out of Captivity: Surviving 1,967 Days – Gonsalves, Howes, Stansell, & Brozek
3. The Mystery of the Blue Train – Agatha Christie
4. The Once and Future King - T. H. White
5. Calico Joe – John Grisham
6. A Lesson Before Dying - Ernest J. Gaines
7. Little Women – Louisa May Alcott
8. Black – Ted Dekker

III. Writing Assignment:
This assignment is due on Monday, August 25th, 2014. It will count as a quiz grade. Complete this assignment for your chosen book only.
Directions: Please choose and complete ONE of the following creative assignments to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of your chosen summer reading book.

1. **News Article** – Write a featured news article at least 3 paragraphs long that addresses something significant about the plot and conflict of your chosen book. Please “report” objective facts as well as “interviewing” a character in order to address perspective and point of view (as you would see in a regular news article).

2. **Visual and Explanation** – Create a visual representation of a significant part of your book along with matching quotes and explanations from your chosen book that address a deeper meaning and understanding.

3. **Sequel** – Write a 1 ½ -2 page sequel for your chosen book. In other words, from your perspective and understanding of the book, what happens next???

4. **Diary/Journal** – Write at least 5 comprehensive journal entries for one of the characters in your chosen book. Each entry needs to be at least a paragraph long and include information that would entice your reader to want to read the book.

### IV. Honors Class - Dialectical Journal Assignment:

*This assignment is due on Monday, August 25th, 2014. It will count as a daily grade. Complete this assignment for the required book.*

**Definition:**

A dialectical journal is another name for a double-entry journal or a “reader-response” journal. A dialectical journal is a journal that records a dialogue, or conversation, between the ideas in the text (the words that you are reading) and the ideas of the reader (the person who is doing the reading). This is what you must do in your journal—keep a dialogue with yourself. In your journal, have a conversation with the text and with yourself.

**Directions:**

1. Begin by setting your paper up in MLA format (heading, margins, etc.)

2. Underneath the title (which should be Dialectical Journal for Alas Babylon) create two columns.

3. Label the left-hand column "Quotations" and the right-hand column "Notations".

4. On the left-hand side, copy interesting or important passages from the novel. Make sure to include a page number!

5. On the right-hand side, comment on the passage. Your comments should be longer than the original passage and should focus on literary criticism as well as personal response. Each entry should be well-written and formal, although a short paragraph will be sufficient for length.

6. Once you have finished writing your response label it using one of the following codes:
7. Create **10** of these “entries”.


**Note:**
It may be best to put sticky notes in the book as you read and find quotes you think are important and then do the assignment when you are finished, picking the **10** best quotes.

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

- As a Christian, a person may wonder, “Should Christians study the classics of literature?” Christians should be aware that man’s writings reflect his inner thoughts. This can be seen throughout a study of literature and the authors’ lives. If we look at secular literature (classics) through discerning eyes, our own faith and testimony can be strengthened. The selections chosen for the reading list are either classic in nature or carry strong literary merit. Berean Christian School cannot be responsible for all content in every selection.

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