

2021-2022 Honors English 4 Summer Assignment

The summer assignment is as follows. If the **completed** assignments are turned in on **August 10**, students will receive bonus points. All assignments must be turned in by **August 24** in order to receive a grade.

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Introduction

Reader Response Criticism is a type of literary theory suggesting that readers' perspectives often determine their perceptions. Much as putting on a pair of tinted glasses colors the way you look at the world, critical lenses influence how you study and perceive texts. The critical lens of Reader Response Criticism asks you to be aware of your personal attitudes, beliefs, and experiences as you read. We will be studying Reader Response Criticism during the first quarter.

Assignment

1. Students will **choose one** of the following short stories that are available online:

- "Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been?" by Joyce Carol Oates
<https://www.ndsu.edu/pubweb/~cinichol/CreativeWriting/323/WhereAreYouGoing.htm>
- "The Yellow Wallpaper" by Charlotte Perkins Gilman
<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/1952/1952-h/1952-h.htm>
- "Harrison Bergeron" by Kurt Vonnegut
<http://www.tnellen.com/cybereng/harrison.html>

2. Students will **choose one** of the following prompts and write a response that is **at least two paragraphs**:

- Compare yourself to a main character. Point out your similarities and try to account for differences between you and him/her. Considering what you have discovered, what is your reaction to this character? Why? How do you think the character would feel about you?
- Explain how a quote from your reading that connects to your life or has meaning for you. What does it mean to you and/or your life?