

MEMO

To: Honors American Lit students (Fall 2008)

From: Mrs. Weisberger

Re.: Required Summer Reading

Hello! You will be required to read two books this summer. One is a required book and the other is a free choice (from the summer reading list).

1. Empire Falls by Richard Russo (See me in room 156 to check out the book.)

This book by Maine author Richard Russo won the Pulitzer Prize for literature in 2002.

Response paper: Essay

The novel revolves around several different parent/ child relationships and the emotional and physical conflicts that arise. In your essay, discuss three different parent/ child relationships and the development of each relationship throughout the novel. For each proof, discuss a different relationship and make some judgment about the message that the reader can gain from the different parent/ child interactions. Also, think about the order you chose to write about the relationships.

FCAs: Strong intro with thesis underlined 20
Three supporting proofs 75
 With specific examples
 In-depth discussion
 A strong quote to provide evidence
 Evidence of analysis
 Accurate information

Interesting conclusion 20
Correct use of MLA parenthetical citations 10

TOTAL 125

***DUE DATE: Please e-mail me your essay by Wednesday, August 20th. (late = half off)

2. Pick one reading of your own choice from the summer reading list.

Response paper: Write FIVE DEDs on the book. Spread your DEDs out over the whole book. Discuss each of these topics in one of the DEDs:

Narrative perspective
Character analysis
Conflict
Theme
DIDLS

TOTAL 50

***DUE DATE: Please e-mail me your five DEDs by Wednesday, August 20th. (late = half off)

Feel free to e-mail me over the summer with help at any step along the way. I look forward to hearing from you. See you in the fall! *Mrs. Weisberger*

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