

<p style="text-align: center;">Providence High School Summer Reading Assignment 2019</p>

English Grade 9

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Regular English 9

Of Mice and Men is a [novella](#) written by [John Steinbeck](#). Published in 1937, it tells the story of George Milton and Lennie Small, two displaced [migrant ranch](#) workers, who move from place to place in California in search of new job opportunities during the [Great Depression](#) in the United States.

Honors English 9

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines. This novel takes place in segregated Bayonne, Louisiana during the 1940s. It is the story of one man's doomed attempt to help another man rise above the prejudice and hatred running rampant in the Jim Crow south. This novel was published in 1993.

Important Information

- The summer reading assignment is due on **the second day of class**. All assignments must be typed, printed, and stapled together in one packet.
- Be prepared for an in-class writing assignment to be assigned on this day.

Directions for Double-Entry Logs

All logs must be TYPED and PRINTED for our second class meeting.

Step 1: Divide your paper in half, long-wise. Put your name and the date at the top left of your paper.

Step 2: Set up the log as follows:

ON THE LEFT:

Regular 9- Pull out one passage from each chapter (6). Write the passage out and put quotations around it. **Honor's 9-** You will write a total of 15 entries. You may choose the chapters. Write the chapter number next to the quotation. If the passage is too long write out the first sentence or two, then put in ellipsis (...), then the last sentence or two. **You must include the page number(s) of your chosen passage.**

Step 3:

ON THE RIGHT:

Respond to each passage you pulled out. Write out your questions, comments, or inferences. Say why the passage is strange or interesting. **DO NOT SIMPLY SUMMARIZE THE PASSAGE. You will not receive credit for summaries.** You also should not simply write, "I do not understand what this says." Each

response must be at least one full paragraph. Put some space in between each passage so they can be distinguished from one another.

I am looking for your interaction with the reading.

Some ideas you can use for your responses on the right side of the paper:

1. What is interesting about this passage?
2. What does the passage tell us about the character’s motivations?
3. Is there symbolism in the passage? Explain it.
4. Does the reading remind you of another book you have read or a movie you have seen? Explain
5. How does the passage move you emotionally?
6. What do you think will happen next?
7. What is strange about this passage?
8. Does the passage reflect the time period or literary time period of the novel?
9. Does the passage give us any evidence for any theme(s) you see in the novel?
10. Or: Come up with your own response! You could make a real-life connection to the passage!

IMPORTANT: You do not have to answer all of the above questions! Simply choose one question (or create your own) and type your one-paragraph response.

(Example of log set-up)

John Brown

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Title of Book

Passages (including chapter and page #)	Response to passages
“” – Chapter name or number, pg. 35	This is where you will write out your questions, comments, real-life connections, or inferences. Summaries of the chapters will not receive credit! Please reference page two of this document for ideas. <u>Each response should be one full paragraph.</u>
“” – Chapter name or number, pg. 70	This is where you will write out your questions, comments, real-life connections, or inferences. Summaries of the chapters will not receive credit! Please reference page two of this document for ideas. <u>Each response should be one full paragraph.</u>