

English 2 Honors
2017 Summer Work

This summer, before you begin your year in English 2 Honors, you'll need to complete the following assignment. You will need to use your work here to complete an assessment during the first week of class in September.

Directions:

1. Read *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
2. Keep track of passages in *Of Mice & Men* that correspond to the following themes. Record the quoted material in the graphic organizer below.
* You must include the corresponding page number where I would be able to find the passage in your text; cite according to the standards of [MLA format](#) according to [Purdue OWL](#)
3. Then, find a corresponding article from a reputable news publication in which the same theme appears. More recent stories will add more relevance to this exercise, so make sure that you are consuming news from a wide variety of sources all summer long. Cite the source using proper [MLA works cited](#) formatting, and [include a functioning hyperlink](#) to the article if you found the source online.
* Acceptable sources include widely circulated national, state, and local newspapers and magazines. Online versions of the publications are also acceptable. Recommended sources include, but are not limited to: *The New York Times*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, NJ.com, *Time* magazine, *The Atlantic*, *The Economist*, *The New Yorker*.
4. Lastly, write a short paragraph that explains the thematic connection between the *Of Mice and Men* quote and the news article. Explain how --despite differences in time period, setting, characters, etc.-- the novel and the news article are able to communicate similar ideas about the human condition. There is a 5 sentence minimum for each paragraph.

Theme: Fear of the "other"

Quote from OM&M	Article	Connection

Theme: Abuse of power

Quote from OM&M	Article	Connection

Theme: Mercy and/or sacrifice

Quote from OM&M	Article	Connection

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