

ENGLISH 9 SUMMER READING

Due Date: Friday, September 13th, 2019

The final project should be placed into a pocket folder with a title page including Student Name and ENG 9 Summer Reading Project. Projects and folders will not be returned, however, a rubric for the project will be given to you before the end of the first quarter so you know how well you did on the project. Be sure your name is on EVERY piece of this project. **Typed projects are preferred, but not required.**

Typed assignments should be double-spaced; handwritten assignments should be written on every other line of your paper. ALL PARTS OF THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST FIT INTO YOUR FOLDER!

Synopsis: Sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon is on trial for felony murder. During his two-week trial, Steve keeps a journal in the form of a screenplay of his thoughts and records his experiences as a screenplay. An aspiring filmmaker, he hopes that someday he will be able to make the movie that he now writes. He will entitle it what the prosecutor calls him - *Monster*.

Assignment: Read *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers and complete the project on backside of this handout. The book has been provided to you.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES (you must do ALL of A, B, and C):

A. Write a brief description (2-3 sentences) of each of the following characters to help you as you read. Be sure to number them as they are listed below:

1. Steve Harmon	4. Dr. James Moody	7. Oswald Cruz	10. Alguinaldo Nesbitt	13. James King
2. Richard Evans	5. Jose Delgado	8. Asa Briggs	11. Kathy O'Brien	14. Mr. Sowicki
3. Wendell Bolden	6. Sandra Petrocelli	9. Sal Zinzi	12. Lorelle Henry	

B. Did you like this book? Write an essay to support your claim. The essay should have an introduction, body, and conclusion. The introduction needs a hook, transition sentences, and claim. Body paragraphs should have a topic sentence, evidence, and explanation of how evidence supports claim and topic. The conclusion should be brief and restate major points.

C. Much of the novel's action takes place in the courtroom. Define each of these court terms. Be sure to number them as listed below:

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1. Prosecutor	4. Court Guard	7. Jury	10. Objection	13. Felony Murder
2. Defense Attorney	5. Bailiff	8. Medical Examiner	11. Sustained	14. Accessory
3. Judge	6. Stenographer	9. Witness	12. Overruled	15. Evidence

CHOICE ACTIVITIES (CHOOSE ANY TWO OF THESE)

D. Make a layout drawing of one of the following: the crime scene, the courtroom, or Steve's cell. Be sure to label each part of the drawing. The drawing should be done on 8 1/2 x 11 white computer/copy paper and be in color. Be sure to include the page numbers noting where the descriptions were which allowed you to create your picture. This should be done in color and be very detailed.

E. Choose five (5) quotes from the book as you read that make an impression on you. Copy each quote and write a 3 - 5 sentence reflection about the quote. Why did you choose it? How does it relate to you or someone you know? Be sure to include the page number where the quote is located.

F. Make a timeline from December before the crime through the December after the trial. Looking at journal dates and information given during the trial will help you complete this. The time line should be drawn on 8 1/2 x 11 white computer/copy paper. Two sheets may be attached together to allow for a longer timeline, as needed.

H. Write a letter to Steve. Write a letter expressing your thoughts on what happened and how Steve should proceed. The letter should be three paragraphs long and demonstrate that you read and understood the book.

I. Predict what will happen next. In three paragraphs, write a continuation of the events of the story. Use evidence from the story to make your predictions. Demonstrate you read and understood the book.

J. Write a letter as a character in the book. The letter should be three paragraphs long and demonstrate that you read and understood the book.