

# 2022-23 Honors English 12 Summer Reading

## General Guidelines:

- Assignment 1 is due June 20, 2022
- Assignment 2 is due July 15, 2022
- Preferred Format: Send each essay as a **Word** document with the subject line *Hamlet* or *Frankenstein*. If you must use Google docx, be sure you “share” your document and give “editor” privileges to me.
- Use MLA format; 1” margins, double spacing, Times New Roman
- MLA Heading: Your Name/Honors English 12/Assignment 1 (or 2)/add appropriate date
- A Works Cited and in-text citations are required if outside sources are used.
- Avoid plagiarism of others’ works.
- Email assignments to [bahonenglish@bessemeracademy.com](mailto:bahonenglish@bessemeracademy.com)

You will receive a copy of *Hamlet* and *Frankenstein*. Please take care of them. You will need to return both when school begins in August.

## Assignment 1:

Some critics see William Shakespeare’s *Hamlet* as one that comes in three distinct tiers—*Hamlet* as a ghost story or mystery, *Hamlet* as a detective story, and *Hamlet* as a revenge story. Each tier has its own climax. Using your best writing skills, write a five-paragraph essay of at least 750 words in which you analyze these three layers; be sure to reveal the climax of each tier.

- Consider these points as you prepare your essay:
  - A. **At what points in the play is it a ghost story?**
  - B. **What are the main questions about the ghost?**
  - C. **Where does the ghost story climax?**
  - D. **What does Hamlet the detective need to discover?**
  - E. **What clues does he utilize during his investigation?**
  - F. **Where does the detective story climax?**
  - G. **Identify the steps in the rising action of *Hamlet* as a revenge story.**
  - H. **Where does the revenge story climax?**

## Assignment 2:

A frame story is one that surrounds another story or serves to link several stories together. In fact, *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley is considered a frame story by many because it links together the four different stories of Captain Walton, Victor Frankenstein, the Monster, and the DeLacy Family. Select three of these stories and write a five-paragraph essay of at least 750 words in which you not only provide details of each story but also explain how the three stories are connected. Consider how each story affects the others.

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