

Summer Assignment 2022 AP English 3 Language and Composition

200 points

Close Reading

Please use sticky notes to mark short quotes and longer passages in the novels which seem to shed light on the following motifs and themes.

*****All work should be typed and is due on the first day of class. Be prepared to submit to GC and Turnitin.com.**

***Walden* by Henry David Thoreau**

Walden is considered by many to be one of the great masterpieces of American literature. This nonfiction account of Thoreau's life in the woods has influenced many 20th century writers in both content and style. Take note of what changes Thoreau suggests for living a reflective life. Rich in philosophical content with the sting of social commentary, Thoreau challenges the individual to understand himself/herself.

***The Valley of the Moon* by Jack London**

The Valley of the Moon follows the journey of Billy and Saxon from a life of gritty toil in Oakland to our very own Glen Ellen. Note the development of their characters in connection to the land as well as to people. We will be discussing the philosophies that they embrace as well as the ones they eschew.

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Motifs and Imagery to Sticky Note

- railroads
- ponds
- Eastern religions
- circles and cycles
- Classical allusions (references to Greek and Roman people, myths or events)

2. Then choose **three**. Choose **4-6 quotes** on each of the three that you choose. Then write commentary that connects the motif or imagery to **one** of the themes listed below. (Total 3 x 4-6 = 12-18)

Themes in Walden:

- materialism
- self-reliance
- independent thinking
- progress and civilization
- self-reformation
- ethical living

3. Create an **illustration of Walden Pond**. Give your illustration an insightful title.

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Sticky Note Key Moments

- exciting or important plot twists
- emotional outbursts
- revelations
- insightful comments
- conflicts

2. Then choose **ten** of the key moments and complete the **10 Moments Worksheet**. (see the 10 Moments Worksheet attachment, also available in Google Classroom)

3. Create a **map** of Billy and Saxon's journey in part 3.

