

ENGLISH I - Winter Term Assignment

R&J Adaptation Critique: Due January 12th, 2021

During the winter term, students will continue our investigation of Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet* by analyzing and evaluating an adaptation of the play in a written response. Each student will choose their own adaptation to investigate for the assignment and think as a film, television, music, or literary *critic*, making an argument as to whether or not the chosen piece retells the story of our "star crossed lovers" well.

In other words, **is the adaptation you have chosen an effective reimagining of the original Shakespearean story? Why or why not?**

Students will contrast and compare the following elements from both pieces when constructing their analysis:

- The overall plot or action of the story
- The depiction of its major characters
- The central message or major themes

Successful student projects will

- Incorporate elements of both the original story and the adaptation in a written analysis
- Speak to all three story elements (see above) from both pieces
- Cite specific textual evidence from both to support the argument
- Be written in correct MLA format

Final projects will be due on January 12th, 2021; however, several smaller projects will be assigned during the break that will help students to put together their final analysis. Video lessons will be recorded to provide guidance for each individual assignment; students may elect to watch the recorded lecture at their convenience. Each video and accompanying assignment will be posted on Google Classroom and linked to PlusPortal.

Below is our timeline of assignments:

- December 1st - Video Lesson #1: Choosing your Adaptation
 - Summation Activity due by Sunday, December 6th @ 11:59p
- December 7th - Video Lesson #2: Compare and Contrast
 - Venn Diagram Activity due by Sunday December 13th @ 11:59p
- December 14th - Video Lesson #3: Organizing the Response
 - Paper Organizer due by Sunday 20th @ 11:59pm
 - **Feedback will be given before Monday the 21st to incorporate when writing your papers!**

- **Tuesday, January 5th by 11:59p**
 - **Rough Draft of Analysis is due on Google Classroom!**

- **Tuesday, January 12th by 10:50a**
 - **Final Draft due on Google Classroom with notes incorporated from the rough draft submission!**

Final projects will be graded according to the following scale:

Summation Activity - 10pts.

Venn Diagram Activity - 10pts.

Paper Organizer - 10pts.

Rough Draft - 10pts.

Final Paper - 60pts. (Graded according to our "Final Response Rubric")

Final project grades will be out of 100 pts. and will be tallied into a student's second semester grade under "Final projects, performance tasks, & exams"