

**American Literature Honors Placement Summer Assignment 2018 – 2019**  
*(Mr. Sutton & Ms. Benner)*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Purchase a copy of *The Road*, by Cormac McCarthy. There are three parts to your summer assignment: (1) grammar, (2) define literary terms, and (3) read the novel and complete worksheet. This is **due the first day of school**.

**Please read all instructions in this assignment very closely to ensure the highest grade possible.** This assignment impacts your first marking period grade.

Failure to turn in this assignment completed on the first day of school will be taken as a lack of desire on your part to remain in this class. Remember quotations and explanations as well as the notes and paragraph must all be handwritten in pen.

**Summer assignment rubric:**

<b>Task:</b>	<b>Value:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
Assignment was handwritten in black or blue ink. Assignment was submitted to the teacher on time.	50	
Section 1 – Literary devices: 12.5 points for defining the terms correctly and 12.5 points for providing proper examples.	25	
Section 2 – Grammar: 25 points for identifying errors correctly and 25 points for correctly “fixing” the sentences.	50	
Section 33 – Novel worksheet.	250	
<b>Grand total:</b>	<b>375</b>	

**\* Failure to complete this summer assignment will result in being dropped from the class.**

*Have a fantastic summer!*

*We are looking forward to seeing you in August!*

*Mr. Sutton & Ms. Benner*

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**Section 1 -- Literary Devices**

*Directions: Complete the following chart on literary devices. For the example of each term think about a book you have read or a movie you have seen recently. Make sure to state where your example comes from. Students will receive 2 points **extra credit** for each time they properly cite evidence from the summer reading and include it with page citation in the "Example" category.*

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Example</b>
Theme		
Symbolism		
Figurative language <i>(hint: metaphor, simile, allusion)</i>		
Setting		
Irony <i>(hint: verbal, dramatic, situational)</i>		
Characterization		

**Section 2: Grammar**

Many high school students often make similar errors in their writing and those are: (1) Subject-verb disagreements, (2) Fragments, (3) Run-ons, and (4) Usage errors.

Cheat sheet:

<b>Error type:</b>	<b>Define:</b>	<b>Example:</b>
Subject-verb disagreements	Subjects and verbs must AGREE with one another in number (singular or plural). Thus, if a <b>subject</b> is singular, its <b>verb</b> must also be singular; if a <b>subject</b> is plural, its <b>verb</b> must also be plural.	<u>They</u> <u>is</u> studying for the test.
Fragments	A phrase or clause written as a <b>sentence</b> but lacking an element, as a subject or verb, that would enable it to function as an independent <b>sentence</b> .	Although he ate breakfast.
Run-ons	A sentence containing two or more independent clauses that are not separated by a colon or semicolon.	He ate pancakes, and drove to his study group.
Usage errors	The conventional ways in which words or phrases are used, spoken, or written in a English.	Their, there, they're / its, it's / to, too, two / etc.

*Direction: Decide what type of error each sentence has and write the answer in the blank to the left. Label the answer in the blank. For all answers that have an error rewrite and correct the sentence on a separate sheet of paper and staple it to your summer assignment. Make sure you properly number the sentence you correct.*

**KEY:      A = no error    B = run-on    C = fragment    D = subject/verb    E = usage**

- \_\_\_ 1. In *Gladiator*, the position of emperor, of being a tyrant over the whole Roman empire.
- \_\_\_ 2. Each of the players agree that training regulations are necessary for good performance.
- \_\_\_ 3. Many of the methods used to preserve food involves the halting of enzyme action.
- \_\_\_ 4. All of the courses recommended for college work is recognized by the state university.
- \_\_\_ 5. An anthology that includes many American poets like Langston Hughes and Gary Snyder.
- \_\_\_ 6. People watch sports because they're violent, I'm not saying it's the only reason.
- \_\_\_ 7. The view from the top of the surrounding hills are unforgettable.
- \_\_\_ 8. The effective date of the new regulations have not yet been determined.
- \_\_\_ 9. Gaining insights into other cultures by traveling, language classes, and foreign cuisine.
- \_\_\_ 10. Each of the shore front families have a dock on the beach.
- \_\_\_ 11. Although Gandhi first put the idea of nonviolence into action in India.
- \_\_\_ 12. Neither book is in the library.
- \_\_\_ 13. There are advantages to studying Latin, you get to know your word roots, for example.
- \_\_\_ 14. Every one of the attempts to establish principles have ended in failure.
- \_\_\_ 15. A haze settling over the rooftops and spreading like fog across the water of the bay.
- \_\_\_ 16. Since I realize that other teachers have assigned homework to be done over the holidays.
- \_\_\_ 17. The things you see in cartoons aren't real, they're not even real people.
- \_\_\_ 18. The author of the stories are Leslie Silko.
- \_\_\_ 19. Place your textbooks face down and wait for further instructions.
- \_\_\_ 20. Both of the paintings show the influence of the work of Emilio Sanchez.
- \_\_\_ 21. Some of the books on the reserve shelf has mysteriously disappeared.
- \_\_\_ 22. Fish and chips is a London tradition, they call french fries "chips" over there.
- \_\_\_ 23. Not one of the participants in the discussions was eager to bring that issue to a vote.
- \_\_\_ 24. Some of the reporting of supposedly objective newspaper writers appears to be biased.
- \_\_\_ 25. Several of the games were canceled.
- \_\_\_ 26. Somebody in our English class has submitted an essay.
- \_\_\_ 27. There has been many assassinations throughout history.
- \_\_\_ 28. There is a lot of different types of violence.
- \_\_\_ 29. I believe that if parents had control over their kids.
- \_\_\_ 30. The popularity of television programs is reflected in the ratings.
- \_\_\_ 31. You really find out who you're friends are when the chips are down.
- \_\_\_ 32. Someone said student government has to much power.
- \_\_\_ 33. The view of the mountains were splendid.
- \_\_\_ 34. Everybody else knew, he ignored their warnings.
- \_\_\_ 35. Its been raining for over three days; we had water in our basement.
- \_\_\_ 36. When it ended in the deaths of two great men, Caesar and Brutus, both powerful leaders.
- \_\_\_ 37. The cost of the cars was high.

- \_\_\_ 38. Hoping that she will remember the assignment.
- \_\_\_ 39. Exciting news about a Hollywood screen test.
- \_\_\_ 40. Speeding in restricted zones endangers both driver and pedestrian.
- \_\_\_ 41. One of my friends have the flu.
- \_\_\_ 42. The beach and the water is primary concerns of most local residents.
- \_\_\_ 43. His detention was yesterday, however, he arrived late and didn't get credit for serving it.
- \_\_\_ 44. The idea of discussion and delay, as well as the rising costs involved, anger the local citizens.
- \_\_\_ 45. Hoping that she will remember the assignment.
- \_\_\_ 46. Did you know that three-dimensional images can be projected by laser beams?
- \_\_\_ 47. Animals other than the elephant are classified as pachyderms.
- \_\_\_ 48. Drugs are a serious problem, people who take them lightly are foolish.
- \_\_\_ 49. The inability to sleep naturally, accompanied by restlessness and anxiety.
- \_\_\_ 50. The Venus Fly Trap, one of a group of plants, traps insects for food.

**Section 2 -- Part B**

*Print out and complete the following "word choice" worksheet:*

[http://mrsmallardsclasses.weebly.com/uploads/5/1/2/9/5129884/interesting\\_adjectives.pdf](http://mrsmallardsclasses.weebly.com/uploads/5/1/2/9/5129884/interesting_adjectives.pdf)

**Section 3 – Reading Worksheet**

Complete everything except the (1) "discussion questions" and (2) ONLY select one essay prompt to respond to at the end of the packet.

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