

# SHS IB Language and Literature (Grade 11) Summer Reading: 2019-20 School Year

Both of the following assignments are due on the first day of class when you return to school in August.

## Poetry: Thomas Hardy

Read at least ten poems by Thomas Hardy. Then, write one poem of your own in the style of Hardy. This must be typed.

**AND**

## Dialectical Journal: *Kindred* by Octavia Butler

Read *Kindred* by Octavia Butler and keep a dialectical journal. This typed dialectical journal allows you, the reader, to respond to and make sense of a text. For this particular assignment, I would like you to find those images, sentences, paragraphs, etc. that trace the juxtaposition of the past and present experiences of the main character and Butler's critique of American history. Please choose three passages from each of the novel's six chapters to respond to in your journal; you should have a total of eighteen substantial entries.

### Format:

Every response you make must be grounded in a piece of the text that is the focus of the assignment. Please use the following format:

1. Create a table in a Google Doc. The table should have 2 columns and 18 rows.
2. In the left-hand column, type the quotation from the novel. Your comments on that quote should be written in the right-hand column.
3. Use care in your writing: these entries are not "rough" drafts, but final products.
4. Place the page number of the text in parenthesis at the end of the quotation that you are discussing.
5. Make sure your papers are printed out and identified by full name, class period, and date.

### Types of Responses:

Each selection you make should bring you closer to understanding how Butler makes her meaning. You may want to include passages that surprise you, interest you, disappoint you, or anger you and discuss why. At times, your text may illustrate some of Butler's narration style and timeline that conveys her strong convictions about the characters and events. Always keep in mind the overarching focus of tracing the juxtaposition of the past and present experiences of the main character and Butler's critique of American history.

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#### For Teacher Use Only: Adherence to the IB Prescribed Reading List (PLR)

Language A	Last Name	First Name	Sex	Country or Region	Literary Form	Period
English	Butler	Octavia	F	USA	Prose: fiction	20