

THIS ASSIGNMENT IS OPTIONAL

Wood-Ridge Junior Senior High School

*** Initial First Marking Period Assignment 2023 ***

HONORS American Literature (English III) - Mr. Forman

For students entering English III HONORS in September 2023

Honors Classes: The goal of this optional assignment is to foster an extension to the learning experience of the HONORS American Literature 11th grade class.

Please read the **ONE** fictional text below for your class and complete the assignment that follows. Texts should be readily available through most online booksellers. If you chose to complete the assignment, it is due **September 14, 2023**.

Honors Junior English

The Great Gatsby

240 pages

ISBN-13: 9780684801520

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Write an original letter to the main character Jay Gatsby. Pretend that you are a key character in the novel and that you want him to join you for dinner at a fancy restaurant. **Use elements of the novel in your letter.** What would you talk about? The letter should be 5-8 paragraphs in length.

NJSLS STANDARDS

[RL.11-12.2](#) Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.

[RL.11-12.3](#) Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).

[W.11-12.2b](#) Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

[W.11-12.2c](#) Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

[W.11-12.2d](#) Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

[W.11-12.2e](#) Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.