

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

### Pride and Prejudice and the Sun Also Rises

Part One and Part Two assignments are due on the first day classes meet, even if it's "orientation".

#### Part One: Questions

Answer the following questions in approximately seven to nine well-developed sentences. Must be typed.

#### Pride and Prejudice

1. What are the strengths and weaknesses of Elizabeth Bennet's personality?
2. What are the strengths and weaknesses of Darcy's personality?
3. How is Elizabeth different from Jane?
4. How does Jane Austen make fun of Collins and Lady Catherine?
5. Why is Elizabeth frequently embarrassed by her mother's behavior?
6. How does Lydia's marriage indirectly aid the marriage prospects of Elizabeth and Jane?
7. In two to three paragraphs, describe the change in Elizabeth's attitude toward Mr. Darcy. What are some of the circumstances which cause her to realize her prejudices and to alter her opinions?

#### The Sun Also Rises

1. How did WWI affect Jake?
2. How did it affect Jake's friends?
3. How does Jake learn to cope with his feelings of inadequacy regarding his masculinity?
4. Jake says his friends are "shameful" like "splitting open of the horses in bullfighting". Why does he feel this way?
5. Discuss the characterization of Lady Brett Ashley. How does Hemingway present her in a sympathetic light?
6. Why is Cohn verbally abused so often in the novel? What role does anti-Semitism play here? Why does Cohn accept so much abuse?
7. Explain the meaning of the last line: "Isn't it pretty to think so?"

#### Part Two: Literacy Criticism Paper

Write a 3-4 page critique (evaluation) of ONE of the novels. Follow the paragraph structure you have been taught. Present commentary on the ideas and literary worth the work presents. This paper must contain citations from at least two critical sources (from a library book, not an online source). The key is to not only research what other critics have said about the novel, but include your ideas and opinions as well (in your CM of course, not using "I"). Include a Works Cited page and use the MLA format for citations.

*You have some wonderful reading here; enjoy it even more by starting early.*