

**2007 Summer Reading Assignment**  
**Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School**

Read *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen and respond to **one** of the following prompts. Your response must be 5-6 pages using MLA format and typed in 12 point Times New Roman font. Use evidence from the text to support your thesis. The rubric for the paper is as follows:

75 points → evidence/support from text

25 points → MLA format and grammar/mechanics

**This essay is due the first day of class.** If you fail to turn in this assignment, you will receive a zero.

1. Many writers use a country setting to establish values within a work of literature. For example, the country may be a place of virtue and peace or one of primitivism and ignorance. Choose one of the novels in which such a setting plays a significant role. Then write an essay in which you analyze how the country setting functions in the work as whole. Do not merely summarize plot.

2. Many plays and novels use contrasting places (for example, two countries, two cities or towns, two houses, or the land and the sea) to represent opposed forces or ideas that are central to the meaning of the work. Choose one of the novels that contrast two such places. Write an essay explaining how the places differ, what each place represents, and how their contrast contributes to the meaning of the work.

3. Writers often highlight the values of a culture or a society by using characters who are alienated from that culture or society because of gender, race, class, or creed. Choose a character that plays a significant role and show how that character's alienation reveals the surrounding society's assumptions and moral values.

Be ready to discuss the text in great detail and to be tested on the novel during the first week of school.