



Palm Harbor University High School  
International Baccalaureate Language Arts  
2017-18 School Year  
Reading List and Summer Assignment

12<sup>th</sup> Grade IB English Literature  
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*"Since when," he asked,  
"Are the first line and last line of any poem  
Where the poem begins and ends?"*  
- from "The Fragment" by Seamus Heaney

***Summer Reading Assignment***

Students should read and annotate both *The Essays of E.B. White* and *Othello* over the summer and be prepared for a test on *The Essays of E.B. White* in its entirety on session 2.

***Summer Writing Assignment: Two Commentaries***

- Pick *two* passages from the following five essays in *E. B. White's Essays of E. B. White*: "Coon Tree," "Death of a Pig," "World of Tomorrow," "Ring of Time" and "Once More to the Lake."
- Type both passages (approximately 20 lines) and color-mark each.
- On a separate sheet of paper for each of the color-marked passages, provide a color-marking key with each color-mark identified. Also, provide an assertion about each color-mark that expresses how the writer contributed to the meaning of the passage through this specific stylistic choice.
- On separate sheets of paper for each of the color-marked passages, write a commentary (500-word minimum, 750-word maximum). Both commentaries should demonstrate your understanding of the thought and feeling in the passages; analyze the ways in which the writer shapes meaning through specific choices of language, structure, technique, and style; develop an argument in defense of your interpretation; and employ a purposeful (not random) structure. Use clear, appropriate language.
- These are mandatory, graded summer assignments. Both commentaries are due Session 1.