

Literature in the Media Summer Assignment

“You can't change laws without first changing human nature.” -Nurse Greta
“You can't change human nature without first changing the law.” -Nurse Yvonne

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One of the driving questions for Literature in the Media Honors is the eternal question – do we, as members of society, do what is right or what is for the greater good – and if there is a difference between the two?

The first major unit focuses on Marvel and their shared Marvel Cinematic Universe where the development of several characters reaches a conflict between right and good and reveals humanity's nature. Please be familiar with the MCU as much as you can be. Over the summer you will be asked to view several films as well as an accompanying short assignment.

The films to watch:

- **Iron Man 1**
- **Captain America: Winter Soldier**

Tv Show to watch:

- **The Good Place; Episodes 1 and 2**

The following are suggested for more character development, but no assignment needed:

- Iron Man 2
- Captain American: The First Avenger
- Thor
- Avengers
- Iron Man 3 (If you watch, do it after Avengers)

After watching *Iron Man*, *Winter Soldier*, and *The Good Place*: Please do the following:

Using a COMP book (Notebooks that aren't spiraled) Write down any Gems you find in the films. **GEMS** are things you found valuable to you as you watched; often times Gems are things that connect to characters, themes, and life-questions. It would be good to focus on the moral and philosophical issues you come across. Make sure you give a brief explanation of why these Gems are so valuable to you.

You should be able to find at least **FIVE** valuable Gems in **each** film. Gems are something we will continue to use throughout the year as well as your COMP book; please Bring your COMP book on the first day of class.

After you have found your Gems, provide at least **ONE** open-ended question about each text you watched and provide **One open-ended question** you have about the film, something maybe you want to challenge about the ethics of that world, or something in relation to the characters or the theme. (*How is Batman's no killing policy more ethical than him severely injuring bad guys – to the point of broken backs, etc...?*)