

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

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?

The first major unit will focus 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.

To gain a better understanding of these characters and their intentions it is important to know their background. Over the summer you will be asked to view several films as well as an accompanying short assignment. The purpose of watching these films is to get you acquainted with the world in which these people live, and what drives their philosophies.

The films to watch:

- Iron Man 1
- Captain America: The First Avenger
- Avengers

If you would like, the following are suggested to watch as they help to build the on these characters.

- Iron Man 2
- Thor
- Iron Man 3 (If you watch, do it after Avengers)

After you have watched the three required films please do the following assignment and bring it to class on **August 22, 2018**.

Assignment:

In Word, create a T-chart for Iron Man/Tony Stark and Captain America/Steve Rogers and create three columns. In the chart provide evidence for their character development progression to the end of Avengers (Iron Man 3 for Stark if you choose); as well as, in the center column provide evidence for when they agree or take similar stands.

Example:

| Iron Man | Both | Captain America |
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| Private citizen with no Government oversight attacks terrorists | Looking to stop evil organizations from harming innocent people | Private citizen joins army with oversight. |

In addition, create **THREE** open-ended questions that address real-world issues, theme, or any other thought provoking topic for discussion during a seminar based on Iron Man and Captain America's stories up to this point in the films and their choices. This questions typically start with “Why do you think, how does this address, could this relate to our current social issue of...” You get the idea. *Questions? Contact Mr. Sadler: sadlerm@pcsb.org*