

AP English IV Summer Reading Assignment

Read the following:

Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier

Othello by William Shakespeare

The novel and play above focus on a character alienated from his or her society, either by his/her own doing or perception, or having this alienation forced upon them. After you have read the novels and play:

1. Characterize each protagonist (Othello, Inman) focusing on their alienation from their society (1 essay per protagonist, 500 wds. typed double-spaced; paragraph form)
2. Describe the society each protagonist lives in, its rules, its customs, its ethos, its social and political system, and the effect it has on the individual protagonists. (500 wds. typed, double spaced for each society; paragraph form.)

Be prepared to discuss and write formal essays on both works of literature the first week of school.