

June 2020

Dear AP English IV Student:

You have been assigned the novel *On the Beach* by Nevil Shute along with several Albert practice sets for your summer reading assignment. You will access the Alberts through your 11th grade English Albert classroom.

The essay, which is detailed below, must be uploaded to your existing turnitin.com account (Class ID = 21185608 and Enrollment Key: apeng3) and Google Classroom (Class Code: fonsao4) by the date indicated next to the assignment. The essay must be typed in Times New Roman, size 12 font, and double-spaced using MLA format. New and transfer students, in addition to enrolling in the aforementioned classes, please join our Remind class (text @9f6d22 to 81010) to receive reminders and updates or to contact me with pressing questions regarding the assignments.

ASSIGNMENTS

I. Alberts

DUE 9/1/20

A. Essential Readings in Literature

1. "A Time of Plenty"
2. "Exit West"
3. "My Russian Grandmother and her American Vacuum Cleaner"

B. SAT Reading

1. SAT Review: Friedrich Nietzsche "Beyond Good and Evil"
2. SAT Review: John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Speech
3. SAT Review: Skin Color
4. SAT Review: Abigail Adams "Remember the Ladies"

II. for *On The Beach*

DUE 8/9/20

- A. One of the major themes in the novel is *mortality*, specifically, how individuals deal with the knowledge of their impending death. Choose three major characters from the work and discuss the following: How does each character express his or her philosophy on death and dying? What does the location about the character's death say about him or her? Who is afraid to die? Who is not? How does this character ultimately die? In your concluding paragraph, discuss what Shute seems to be saying about mortality in this work.

Have a safe, fun summer! I look forward to our return to school in September.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gorman

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