

Modern World History Honors Summer Assignment 2018



Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi is an action-packed historical narrative that follows the flight of a 13-year-old peasant boy across 14th century England. The text reveals a great sense of what life was like for many Europeans and the injustices present in this time of feudalism.

Directions:

Students are asked to read Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi and then write a 3-5 page reflection paper that examines the time period present in the work and that accomplishes the following:

- 1) includes a **thesis statement** as the last sentence of the opening paragraph which is also restated in the conclusion
- 2) examines the **political**, **social** and **economic** factors that together created the situations explored in the novel chosen
- 3) touches upon **at least 3 of the following points** present in each writing
 - a. religion
 - b. government
 - c. the economy
 - d. labor/occupations
 - e. family/community
 - f. crime/ethics
 - g. class structure
 - h. relationships
 - i. prejudice
- 4) include **at least 3 quotations from the text** which support your ideas and/or thesis

All submissions should be **typed**, (double spaced, 12 font), and **citing using MLA format**. Papers are due at Tiverton High School on or before **August 17, 2018 at 2:00 pm** and will be graded using the school-wide “Reflective Writing Rubric” (found on the school web-site and attached to this sheet) and will count as 10% of the first term grade. For any questions concerning late papers or other logistical concerns, please refer to the school-wide summer work policy in the student handbook.

*Good luck with the assignment and I look forward to working with you in September!