

GUIDELINES FOR SUMMER READING REPORTS

English III and English III Honors 2005-2006

Read each of the following quotations from the summer reading books and locate the passage in your text. Consider the context of the passage. In a short paragraph, which must be either typewritten or word-processed, consider the significance of each of the passages for the work you have read. You may wish to consider how the quotations reflect on the major themes of the novel, the psychological development of characters, etc.

Remains of the Day

"How can one possibly be held to blame in any sense because, say, the passage of time has shown that Lord Darlington's efforts were misguided, even foolish? Throughout the years I served him, it was he and he alone who weighed up evidence and judged it best to proceed in the way he did, while I simply confined myself, quite properly, to affairs within my own professional realm. And as far as I am concerned, I carried out my duties to the best of my abilities, indeed to a standard which many may consider 'first-rate.' It is hardly my fault if his lordship's life and work have turned out today to look, at best, a sad waste-and it is quite illogical that I should feel any regret or shame on my own account."

"But that doesn't mean to say, of course, there aren't occasions now and then- extremely desolate occasions——when you think to yourself: 'What a terrible mistake I've made with my life.' And you get to thinking about a different life, a better life you might have had. For instance, I get to thinking about a life I may have had with you, Mr. Stevens. And I suppose that's when I get angry about some trivial little thing and leave. But each time I do, I realize before long——my rightful place is with my husband. After all, there's no turning back the clock now. One can't be forever dwelling on what might have been.

"Embarrassing as these moments were for me, I would not wish to imply that I in any way blame Mr. Farraday, who is in no sense an unkind person; he was, I am sure, merely enjoying the sort of bantering which in the United States, no doubt, is a sign of a good, friendly understanding between employer and employee, indulged in as a kind of affectionate sport. Indeed, to put things into a proper perspective, I should point out that just such bantering on my new employer's part has characterized much of our relationship over these months- though I must confess, I remain rather unsure as to how I should respond."

A Man for All Seasons

"If we lived in a state where virtue was profitable, common sense would make us good and greed would make us saintly. And we'd live like animals or angels in a happy land that *needs* no heroes."

"You're absolutely right, it must be done by law. It's just a matter of finding the right law. Or making one."

"Does a man need a Pope to tell him when he's sinned? It was a sin [...]. I admit it; I repent. And God has punished me."

Choice book

Select any two passages that you find to be especially relevant for depicting a significant conflict in the novel. Type out both passages and indicate where the page numbers are found in the text. Explain your selection in terms of the directions for the required titles.