

Honors 11 Summer Assignment
READING ASSIGNMENT: *Invisible Man* - Ralph Ellison

Hello Juniors,

Most of you had class with me over the quarantine, so let's get off to a good start. This year we will be taking a look at the American Condition and its evolution from colonialism to present. You will be tasked with interpreting the author's purpose through analyzing their perspectives and societal norms of the time periods in which they lived as well as following the change in expectations, belief systems, and activism throughout the "progress" of the American people. Over the summer, you will keep a digital journal following the guidelines outlined below.

Readings and Instructions:

1. Critical Lenses

http://www.mpsaz.org/rmhs/staff/rkcupryk/aa_jr/files/microsoft_word_-_literary_theories.pdf

Directions:

Use the above for reference purposes during our journaling.

2. **Reference:**

<https://www.biography.com/writer/ralph-ellison>

3. **Journaling:** *Invisible Man* - by Ralph Ellison

- a. Choose 3 lenses. In your journals, take note of direct, textual references in your reading that would support each lens.
- b. You must have *5 entries* for each lens.
- c. Explain your reasoning for your choices.
- d. You may choose to create a three column chart, color coding, or any other type of organizational strategy to keep track of the different lenses.
- e. Find two reviews of the book written at the time it was originally published
 - i. Do you agree with the reviewer's impression?
 - ii. Give examples from the reviews to explain.

EXTRA: How/why can this novel be relevant to today? Why would your teacher assign it? Discuss in a well-developed short essay.