



Humane Letters IV
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Summer Reading Assignment
Due: Beginning of first day of class, August 13, 2026

Required Reading: *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte (ISBN 1512044555)

After reading the text, write a 3 page, well organized essay in response to the following prompt. Then respond to the following prompt:

Jane Eyre is an example of a bildungsroman—a novel of intellectual and spiritual development. Over the course of Jane’s psychological formation, she must repeatedly face the competing claims of feeling and reason. How does Bronte depict this conflict, and what is the mature perspective that Jane ultimately reaches? Be sure to consider how Jane’s internal development is mirrored in her interactions with characters representing different extremes of rationality and passion.

Your paper should be a minimum of three pages, in the following format: typed, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, 1” margins. Employ MLA citation.

Essays must be typed, with double-spacing, 1-inch margins, and 12-point Times New Roman font. Your essay will be recorded as your first test grade of the course.

Your essay must have:

- an introduction with a thesis statement,
- 3 supporting paragraphs beginning with a topic sentence
- 2 to 3 supporting quotes per paragraph along with analysis on how the quotes support the topic sentence
- a concluding paragraph summing up your argument