

## English III Summer Assignment

Book: *Old Man and the Sea*, by Ernest Hemingway

### Assignment:

Create a newspaper based on the novel that includes the following elements:

- Editorial Column (persuasive writing)
- An article about an event in the novel (narrative writing)
- Letters to the editor- eyewitness accounts (expository writing)
- At least 3 advertisements (creative writing)
- Obituaries (narrative writing)
- Game, like a crossword or word search, recipe, or a comic (vocabulary or illustration from the book)
- Spiritual or devotional section (persuasive writing)
- Excerpt from diary or journal (expository writing)
- Picture from the novel with a caption (summary writing)

Examples of each of the different types of writing are included in a separate document. **Background Information:**

Time period is relevant when considering each element.

The novel takes place in the 1940s, in a fishing village near Havana, Cuba, on the waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Living in Cuba in the late 1940s, one of Hemingway's favorite pastimes was fishing in his boat, *The Pilar*. This simple pastime contrasted greatly with the turbulent events of his life that preceded his time in Cuba. Hemingway served in World War I and World War II and witnessed the liberation of Paris and the 1945 division within the Cuban Communist party. Having viewed death and hardship in many forms, Hemingway's feeling of disillusionment was only magnified by his 10-year struggle with writing that preceded the publication of *The Old Man and the Sea*.

Make sure to reference the themes present in the novel- persistence through defeat; pride; friendship; youth and age; man and nature; Christian allegory.

Be creative! Make it look like a newspaper/newsletter (hint: check out canva or free newsletter templates that look like a newspaper).

If you have any questions please email me @ [nikki.huffman@ocssaints.org](mailto:nikki.huffman@ocssaints.org)

Have fun and surprise me!

Mrs. Huffman

## EXAMPLES OF EACH:

### Editorial Column (persuasive writing)

Vol. 112, No. 107 P.O. Box 19, 515 N. Ellison

# Oklahomans encouraged to adopt

By NIKKI BREWER  
Reporter

GUYMON, Okla. — Children in Oklahoma are aching for a loving family to show them kindness and support by adopting or taking them in as a foster child. According to SFY 2002 placement authorization records, more than 1200 children in Oklahoma were placed in foster or adoptive homes in the year 2002, but there are still plenty of kids looking for homes.

Children in custody of the State Department of Human Services, are merely looking for someone to care for and love them. There are several myths or misunderstandings about the requirements needed to adopt or foster a child. Requirements include: one must be at least 21 years of age and financially stable. One must also have a background check, fingerprints for the OSBI and FBI, an adoptive home assessment, a medical exam and complete 21 hours of Resource Family Orientation class.

However, DHS Region One Adoption Specialist, Kay Elwood stated, one does not have to be married, single adults can adopt and foster children also. Adoption can take place in homes with or without children, and one does not necessarily have to be a homeowner.

According to DHS literature, the largest group of children needing homes were females, age zero to five, and sibling groups. Sixty-one percent white children, 22 percent black children, 17 percent American Indian and two percent Hispanic kids wish for a family.

Elwood added, "There are no fees except for the cost of medical exams. Being wealthy is not needed for adoption privileges either. You must be able to feed, clothe and house a child. It does not matter what type of home one lives in, as long as it is safe with space and a bed for the child, according to DHS literature.

Neither age nor negative life experiences are serious barriers to adopting a child, Elwood said. Parents are evaluated on their ability to raise a child and be involved in their activities, and their potential to understand waiting children's past troubles. Another misconception about children waiting for adoption in Oklahoma is that they all need significant or lifelong physical or psychological care, Elwood mentioned.

While it is true many children in DHS care have experienced neglect, physical, or sexual abuse, these are factors which have already been identified by child welfare and counseling is already taking place. "Every child brought into the department is a special needs child, because they have been removed from their family and that brings on some emotional traumas and difficulties," Elwood addressed; "That doesn't mean they all need long-term counseling, psychological and medical attention or full-time health care."

Elwood, adoption specialist for Woodward, Ellis, Beaver, Harper, Texas and Cimarron counties, encourages people who haven't considered adoption to look into the process. Elwood stated, parents and single people interested in adoption can find the best information by contacting other families who have already adopted or served as foster parents.

Potential families can also attend DHS "match parties" held four times a year. Elwood said, "Up to 100 children interact with the families throughout the day. By the end of the day parents may ask to be considered for a home for a particular child or children." Elwood expressed that the DHS finds families for children, not children for families and they also do not separate siblings if at all possible. We promote "sticking together," both Elwood and Child Welfare Supervisor Donna Gift added.

The teamwork between Child Welfare and Adoptions has helped place several children into homes in the local areas. To reach Elwood or another adoption specialist from DHS, call the adoption toll-free hotline at (877) OKSWIFT or at the Guymon office at (580) 338-8665, or visit the DHS Swift Adoption web site at <http://okdhs.org/adopt>.

### An article about an event in the novel (narrative writing)

PHILADELPHIA  
HEAVY EVENING  
READS THE BULLETIN

# The Evening Bulletin

PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963

## SPORTS

### Sniper Kills Kennedy

Suit Seeks To Halt State Redistricting  
Fried in U. S. Court In Suit to Halt Redistricting

U. S. Stock Exchange  
Is Closed

U. S. Campaign  
Expects Points  
By '130,000

Jury Wants  
Weinberg Held  
In Contempt

Presidency  
Taken Over  
By Johnson

Senators, New York, Nov. 22—(AP)—President Kennedy was assassinated today by a sniper at Dallas, Texas. The assassination was the first of its kind in the history of the United States.

The President was shot at 10:30 a.m. in the Texas School Depository Building. He was hit in the back of the head and the neck. He died at 1:30 p.m. in Parkland Memorial Hospital.

The President's death was a shock to the nation. He was 45 years old and had been in office for 16 months. He was a member of the Democratic Party and was married to Jacqueline Kennedy.

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### Letters to the editor- eye witness accounts (expository writing)

I'm a high-school student. Flipping through each page of the paper exposes me to articles on a variety of topics. In contrast, scrolling through digital news triggers an onslaught of algorithms catered to personal preferences. Follow the trails of "You may also like" and soon all the information on the webpage aligns with one's individual views.

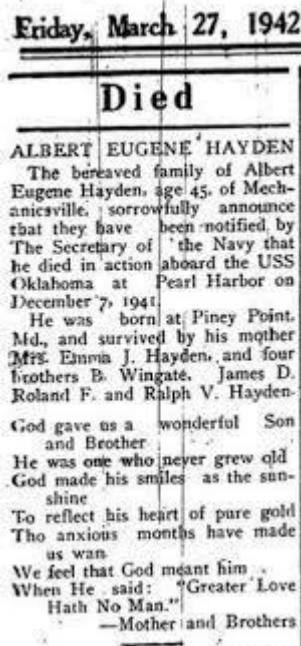
A broad understanding of current affairs is best gained from reading the news in print and will help prevent the "echo chamber" and "confirmation bias" that afflict our society.

MELISSA LEE  
Sugar Land, Texas

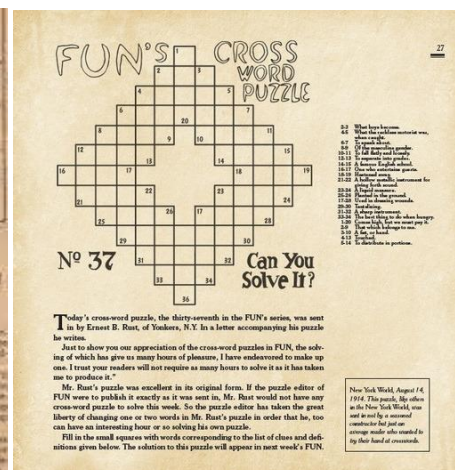
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## Spiritual or devotional section (persuasive writing)

# As one man sees it.....

Prayer ~ all you have to do is ask!

By Dr. Jere L. Wells  
Some of us have difficulty speaking to God.

I hear people saying, "I don't really understand what prayer's about." Our Lord in the scripture today teaches his disciples how to pray, sort of a model prayer.

The disciples said, "John taught his disciples a prayer." That is John the Baptist. "Won't you teach us a prayer, a model prayer, on how to pray?"

Christ talks about what it is to pray with some parables. Let us read Luke 11: 1-13: "Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation.'"

And Jesus said to them, "Which of you has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him; and he will answer from within 'Do not bother me, the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed, I cannot get up and give you anything'?"

I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet

because of his importunity he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Prayer All you have to do is ask. One of the primary dangers of petitory prayer is the abuse given it by people with a bad case of "gimmies" That's one of the things to watch out for.

But with our text when Jesus tells a story about prayer, the lesson of the parable is not that he must persist in prayer only. It is not that we must hammer at God's door until we finally compel God, for very weariness, to give us what we want, and we coerce an unwilling God to answer.

A parable literally means setting along side, putting parallel. And if we lay

giving him what he needs what's the contrast? How much more will God who is a loving Father, supply all His children's needs?

If we do not receive what we pray for; it is not because God grudgingly refuses to give it to us, but because He has something better for us. There's no such thing as an unanswered prayer.

The answer given may not be the answer desired or expected. Even when it is a refusal of our wishes it is an answer of the love and the wisdom of God. How beautiful to know somebody's a little wiser than we. There are some steps that Christ lifts up in prayer. They're rather obvious. The first is to ask.

I wonder how impatient God gets. We never ask and wonder why we do not receive. Sometimes we get asking backwards. We have a wrong definition of asking.

Asking is a legitimate request, an appropriate request, but it is not begging. Begging is when it's inappropriate.

Some of you have gone through a semester of school and really didn't crack the books. The test is tomorrow!

And you're not ready. So you get on your knees in good faith, in prayer, and say,

THE LORD IS MY SAVIOR  
By John Pata, Worland, Wyo.

The Lord is my Savior, He taught me to pray. He taught me to love Him much more every day. If you have no Savior and don't know how to pray. I'm telling you brother you're on the wrong way. It was two years ago the Lord saved my soul. He took my sins away and I laid them at His feet and boy was it sweet to know. He paid the price for me. You may be a Christian or you may be lost. But I'm telling the Lord paid the cost, a ticket to Heaven some day. You may know. Just follow his footsteps and be willing to go.

## Excerpt from diary or journal (expository writing)

# Migrant survivors tell of desperate measures to live

■ Migrants on a boat lost at sea attacked each other and had little more than a coconut to eat, drifting for almost two weeks in the Atlantic. Authorities and survivors say 55 of the 86 aboard died.

BY PETER FRINGAMAN  
Associated Press

NAGUA, Dominican Republic — Migrants who survived on a small wooden boat

for nearly two weeks described on Wednesday how they watched passengers attack a woman for her breast milk and how others died from dehydration on a journey that left 55 dead.

Some of the 86 Dominicans on the trip simply began to lose their minds after food and water ran out, a survivor said.

"A lot of people just jumped

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**A LOST LOVED ONE:** Two sisters comfort each other after learning that their brother had died at sea.

## Picture from the novel with a caption (summary writing)

KENOSHA, WISCONSIN, THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1923

# HEADS BARE

**Kin Of Rockefeller Captured By Bandits**

**EXTRA!**

**NEAR DEATH IN BANDIT STRONGHOLD**

Twelve of the Men Taken in Raid on Train by Bandits Still Remain in Captivity.

**BULLETIN.**  
(By Associated Press London Wire)  
Peking—Major Roland Finger, Major Robert Allen and Major Finger's son, Roland, Jr., have escaped from the Nuchow bandits, according to advices received here. This brings the total of those who have escaped or have been released to fourteen.

Others who have escaped or have been freed by the bandits as learned here from various sources, are: A. L. Zimmerman; V. Hilmovitch; Carl Heizer; Lloyd Lehlbaum; Emil Gensberger; G. J. Jacobson; F. P. Day; Miss Lucy Aldrich; Miss McFadden; Miss Schoenberg; Miss A. Corrallo.

**BULLETIN.**  
(By Associated Press London Wire)  
London—The Times' Peking correspondent says that the Brigands have intimated, through released captives, that all foreigners will be restored to liberty on the payment of one year's pay to their bond. The diplomatic representatives will send a verbal message warning the government that it will be held responsible for the lives of the captives and that for any delay in their release after May 12 an increasing indemnity would be demanded, the dispatch adds.

(By Associated Press London Wire)  
Shanghai—Fourteen foreigners, including at least seven Americans, held

—Photo by Bert Horton Studio, Providence.

Miss Lucy T. Aldrich, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and daughter of the late United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, captured by Chinese bandits who held up a Shanghai-Peking express train near the Shanghai border and carried off more than 20 passengers, many of them Americans, later released, with other passengers, and suffering from exposure at Big Chung, near the scene of the hold-up.

Overall layout examples: