

Summer Reading Assignment  
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Pre AP English 2  
*Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya

Coming of age refers to the transitioning from childhood to adulthood. Rites of passages are cultural events that mark the transition between life stages. In this novel, the main character Antonio reflects back to the period of his life when he began to move out of the innocence of his childhood. Your summer work is mandatory and your grade will reflect your effort.

Reading:

Read the novel.

Cornell Notes:

Attached is a sample sheet of Cornell notes. You must format your work similarly. You must pull two quotes from each chapter. The quotes must reflect important moments in the novel. Write the quote, cite the page number, then write at least a three sentence explanation/elaboration about the quote. You can use the Cornell note explanation provided to give you ideas. After your two quotes, write a summary on each chapter of five to ten sentences. Make sure you include the chapter title on each sheet.

Essay Topics:

Write ten discussion points and quotes for each topic. Refer to each quote with a page number in the novel. Choose one topic and type a two-page (full 2 pages) essay for that topic. Include quotes and/or paraphrasing in your essay. Your essay must be done in MLA format. We will be submitting on Turnitin.com the first day of school. Email yourself the essay or have your essay saved on a USB.

# Cornell Notes and Reading

Directions: As you read your book, pause and write Cornell notes. Put a quote in the left column and a substantive response in the right. The notes need to be word processed or legibly written in blue or black ink. They can be on notebook paper as long as everything is stapled together.

Here is an example:

| What I've Read   | How I Respond (3 or more sentences)   |
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| <p>Chapter 4: There's a big party. Everyone wants to meet Mr. Darcy because he's rich, but he refuses to dance with any of the young women, and he is rude to most of the men. His friend tells him he should dance with Elizabeth, but he says she's not pretty enough. He doesn't know that Elizabeth can hear him when he says this. Pg #</p> | <p>Chapter 4: Mr. Darcy may be rich, but his manners are poor. He is acting like a snob. I like the way Elizabeth won't let his attitude bother her.</p>  |
| <p>Chapter 5: Charlotte Lucas and Elizabeth discuss the party the next day. Charlotte says that Jane should encourage Mr. Bingley to pay attention to her, but Elizabeth says it's too soon. Charlotte says it's best not to know too much about someone before you marry them. Elizabeth is surprised. Pg #</p>                                 | <p>Chapter 5: Charlotte and Elizabeth are best friends, but they don't think about things the same way. I wonder if Charlotte is saying things like that because she isn't married. Would she marry someone she doesn't know very well, just to have a husband?</p> |

**\*\*In the How I Respond column do not simply summarize or paraphrase the text, write your own reactions.\*\***

Use these questions to help you with your Cornell Notes:

- I wonder why ...
- I think...
- Why did ...?
- This reminds me of ...
- I was surprised ...
- I expected it when ...
- I think \_\_\_ will happen next.
- The genre of this book is \_\_\_ because ...
- I agreed/diagreed with the author about ...
- If I were the author I would have changed the part of the story when ...
- My feelings about (character, book) changed when ...
- I am like or different from the character ...
- Some important details I noticed were \_\_\_\_. They were important because ...
- One thing that confused me was when ...
- I can imagine what \_\_\_ looked/sounded/felt/tasted like.
- The most important word/phrase/idea in this passage is \_\_\_ because ...
- I don't see how ...
- I can't believe ...
- This makes me feel ...
- It bothered me when ...
- I can't really understand ...
- I began to think of ...
- When I finished reading, I thought ...

Chapter Title: \_\_\_\_\_

| What I've Read   | How I Respond  |
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| 3. _____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ | 4. _____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ |

Summary of Chapter/Section (5-10 Sentences)

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## Bless Me, Ultima Essay-English 2 Pre-AP

Below are your four essay topics. Write ten discussion points and quotes for each topic. Refer to each quote with a page number in the novel. Choose one topic and type a two page essay for that topic. Include quotes and/or paraphrasing in your essay.

1. Make a choice for Antonio's future. What beliefs will he choose to follow?
2. What rite of passage issues does Antonio navigate in the novel?
3. What lessons throughout the novel prepare Antonio for the final challenge at the end of the novel?
4. What is the significance of the conflict between English-speakers and Spanish-speakers that Antonio encounters at school? Why is language so important in the novel? In what sense does this conflict give Antonio perspective on the conflict within his family?