

English II Summer Assignment
for
Does My Head Look Big In This?
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Requirement: All sophomores enrolled in English II must read the novel *Does My Head Look Big In This?* and complete the summer assignment before the first regular (80 minute) class of the Fall semester.

Plagiarism Warning: All students are required to submit the summer assignment to turnitin.com or receive a zero. Turnitin.com will check all summer assignments for originality and if any portion of the assignment is found to be plagiarized, the penalty will be that the student will receive a “zero” and reported to the Dean for disciplinary action as explained in the “Cheating on quizzes, tests, projects, examinations” section of *Lancer Life*. This means that students are not allowed to work on the summer assignment with another student or lend/borrow any portion of their work. If any portion of the summer assignment matches another student’s assignment, both the lender and the borrower will be equally penalized. It is forbidden for to use/copy any material from internet websites for the summer assignment as all written material will be checked for originality. **The instructions with details for how to submit the assignment to turnitin.com will be given by the teacher on the first day of school.**

Instructions: All written portions of the summer assignment must be typed in 12-point, Times New Roman Font, and be double-spaced. Make sure to save the written portions (Parts 1 and 2) of the summer assignment to **one single document/file** on your computer as you will be required to submit a single document/file to turnitin.com. Teachers will collect the summer assignment on the first regular (80 minute) class of the Fall semester. Students must submit their summer assignment to turnitin.com, print it out, and bring all parts with them on the day it is due. Points will be deducted for every class meeting the summer assignment is late (either submitting it to turnitin.com late or handing in material late). Summer assignments should not be emailed to a teacher.

Part 1: Short Answer Responses (25 points Homework credit)

(To receive maximum points, answer each number with a minimum of six complete sentences).

1. Even though Bishop Amat is a Catholic high school, there are students attending this school who may belong to a different religion. What does this novel teach us about being respectful and learning from people who have different religious beliefs?
2. Even though Amal really likes Adam and is tempted to kiss him, why does she choose not to?
3. Explain why Jamila (Amal’s mother) insists on sending Amal to Mrs. Vaselli’s house. What does Amal learn by going there? What does Amal have in common with Mrs. Vaselli?
4. How are Leila’s mom’s ideas about the role of women much different than Amal’s family?
5. When Amal identifies herself as Australian-Muslim-Palestinian, each hyphen fuses together important parts of her cultural and religious background. Now it’s your turn. Identify yourself using as many hyphens as you like, but make sure to explain (in sentences) the significance of each part of your cultural/religious background.

Part 2: Composition (20 points Composition credit)

For this essay, write 3-4 paragraphs (introduction, body, and conclusion) explaining what you represent while wearing the Amat uniform. What does the Amat dress code symbolize? What do people think about you (good and/or bad) when they see you in the uniform? How can wearing the Amat uniform be comparable to Muslims wearing a hijab? Your essay must be at least 1½ pages long, typed in 12-point, Times New Roman font, and be double-spaced.