



Veritas Classical Schools

High School Assignment Sheet 9 Alpharetta

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- Literature – Read *Cry, The Beloved Country* chapters 1-8 and complete the chapter 1-8 study guide (optional). Weekly quizzes will be taken from these questions. Students who choose to complete the Study Guide questions each week may use their notes/answers when taking the quizzes.
- Writing— An **allusion** is a reference to some other recognized source, including mythology, history, culture, the Bible, etc. The use of an allusion typically extends the meaning of a passage and therefore its impact upon the reader. Read the following statement referring to Gertrude, Stephen Kumalo’s younger sister:

“Msmangu said gravely, yes, she is very sick. But it is not that kind of sickness. It is another worse kind of sickness. ...I do not know if she has ever found her husband, but she has no husband now. He looked at Kumalo. It would be truer to say, he said, that she has many husbands.” (ch. 5)

Next read John 4:7-26. In a well-written paragraph, explain how Paton uses this biblical source to extend the reader’s understanding of Gertrude’s situation. What is her “sickness,” and why has Msmangu requested that Kumalo come to her?

- **Jr. /Sr. Question**—Fear plays a significant role in this novel. It motivates many of the actions of the characters and either directly or indirectly serves as a catalyst for nearly all the problems and disasters recorded within the plot. Identify the major instances in chapters. 1-8 when fear influences attitude or action. Consider the following characters in particular: Gertrude; Absalom; Stephen; John. Then read Psalm 56. What does it say is the solution for fear and fear-based responses? **WRITE YOUR ANSWER HERE:**

- **Honors—Paradox** occurs when there is a seeming contradiction between two opposing concepts. Yet ironically, that contradiction proves true despite the contradiction. Consider the following passage from ch. 7:

“Because the white man has power, we too want power.... But when a black man gets power, when he gets money, he is a great man if he is not corrupted. I have seen it often. He seeks power and money to put right what is wrong, and when he gets them, why he enjoys the power and the money. Now he can gratify his lusts, now he can arrange ways to get white man’s liquor, he can speak to thousands and hear them clap their hands. Some of think that when we have power, we shall revenge ourselves on the white man who has had power, and because our desire is corrupt, we are corrupted, and the power has no heart in it. But most white men do not know this truth about power, and they are afraid lest we get it. ...But there is only one thing that has power completely, and that is love. Because when a man loves, he seeks no power, and therefore he has power.”

Write a 1-2 paragraph response in which you identify the paradox presented in the above passage and explain the truth imbedded within the contradiction. You may incorporate Scripture into your response if you choose.

- **Grammar**—Read about Subordinate Clauses (p. 389-392). Complete workbook 48-5. You will also need to study for a grammar quiz next week over phrases (prepositional, verbal, appositive, and absolute). Study pp. 384-388 in your text book and the study guide that we wrote together in class. I will post an answer key for 48-5 by Monday so that you can correct your work.
- **Vocabulary**—Complete Unit 5.

I have reviewed my student’s work and it is complete according to this handout (please list any exceptions and why).

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