

## **SUMMER ASSIGNMENT: BRITISH LITERATURE**

Choose one of the following works by William Shakespeare:

*Julius Caesar*

*Hamlet*

*Taming of the Shrew*

*Twelfth Knight*

Choose one assignment:

### **1) THE NEWEST TAKE-OFF**

Imagine that you are going to put on the play with a theme. What would it be? Would they go futuristic? 80s? Musical? Soap opera-esque? Write about what theme you would choose, include specific arguments about WHY you have chosen this particular type of spinoff and how it will help bring out important themes and ideas from the play.

### **2) Letter from the Author**

Imagine that you are the author of the book you just read. Suddenly the book becomes a best seller. Write a letter to a movie producer trying to get that person interested in making your book into a movie. Explain why the story, characters, conflict, etc. would make a good film. Suggest a filming location and the actors to play various roles. **YOU MAY ONLY USE BOOKS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN MADE INTO MOVIES.** Mount it on large construction paper or make a poster for it.

Choose one of the following sonnets:

*Sonnet 18*

*Sonnet 35*

*Sonnet 116*

*Sonnet 73*

Use a computer program like Tagxedo or Wordle to build a word cloud identifying important words from the sonnet. (Tagxedo allows you to create word clouds in a variety of shapes.) Discuss these words and their importance.

Each assignment should be submitted on the 1<sup>st</sup> full day of Literature Class

Have an awesome summer!