

Summer Reading Assignment: Written Component

Writing about what you read will deepen your understanding and **make you better prepared for the assessment you will take when you return to school in August.**

Directions

1. Before you read All Quiet on the Western Front, look over the list of concepts below and look up any words you are unsure about. Then keep these concepts in mind as you proceed through the novel. You may want to take notes or **highlight key passages** as you read.

Concepts

Realities of War

Camaraderie/esprit de corps

The Earth/Nature

Disillusionment

Heroism/Courage

The Enemy

2. After you have read the novel, **select four of the six concepts**. For each one you select, locate and copy a brief passage you think best illustrates or exemplifies the concept (please cite the page number of your passage). Then write a paragraph explaining how your chosen passage connects to the concept.

Guidelines

1. Type or neatly write your work on standard 8 ½ by 11 paper.
2. **Be sure that your writing reflects your own thoughts. Do not rely on secondary sources such as Cliff's Notes, Sparknotes, etc. Your teachers are familiar with these sources. We want to know your thoughts, not the thoughts of someone else. Your best strategy is to give yourself enough time to read the novel carefully and write honestly about it.**