

# Freshman Honors English Summer Reading Assignment

## *Code Orange*

by Caroline B. Cooney

**This assignment is due on the first day of school in August for both first and second semester students.** A detailed, major test on this novel will be given the second day of class. Additional novels will be required reading throughout the semester. It is recommended that each student have access to a novel during class discussions. **This summer reading assignment must be completed in order to take the test on the novel.** You will **NOT** be allowed to change to regular English if you sign up for honors English I and you do not complete this assignment. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Harbin at 645-0531 or 645-3226.

**This assignment must be typed in Times New Roman 12 point font and double spaced.** Use the outline below as a format for the paper. **Label each section.** **A title page** with the name of the book, student name, and Semester 1 or 2 is required. Students will circle the semester number when they find out which semester they have English on the first day of school. Staple all the pages together.

- I. Research the author and write a short summary on her life. **(at least ½ page)**
- II. Research smallpox and the epidemics of smallpox throughout history. **(at least ½ page)**  
What are some of the times and places of major outbreaks?  
What does “code orange” mean?
- III. Setting of the novel **(be specific)**  
Time  
Places
- IV. Characters  
Character sketch of the major character **(one paragraph)**  
Brief description of minor characters **(one or two sentences for each)**
- V. Theme---Novels may have more than one theme. **(1 paragraph)**
- VI. Thorough plot summary **(at least 1 page)**

VII. Literary criticism (at least ½ page)

\*What do the **literary critics** have to say about this author and this novel in particular?

**(This is NOT your opinion or other students' opinions.)**

\*Sources for literary criticism may include the Internet, books, etc.

**(Goodreads website is not acceptable.)**

\*Remember that literary criticism may be positive or negative.

\*Cite your sources by making bibliography entries. *Writer's Inc.* books and/or Internet will explain the correct MLA bibliographic form.

**Materials needed for Class (required)**

Three ring binder (1 inch is fine)

College (narrow) ruled paper

Dividers

Blue or black ink pens

Pencils

Highlighters

**Wish list (optional)**

Kleenex

Antibacterial wipes

Clorox wipes

Paper towels