

## **Summer Reading Assignment for English 11H**

**Title:** *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde

**Assignment:** Prepare for a Socratic Seminar that will take place within the first week of school by doing the following (25 points total):

1. Read the play carefully.
2. As you read, keep a large index card (or sheet of notebook paper) in the book. Use the index card to keep track of significant quotes and moments— approximately 10 (with pg. #s) — that relate to the following essential question:

What is unique or surprising about the characters' relationship to truth? (10 points)

3. Write 5 discussion questions according to the guidelines below (15 points):

**WORLD CONNECTION QUESTION:**

Write a question connecting the text to the real world.

**OPEN---ENDED QUESTION:**

Write an insightful question about the text that will require proof and group discussion and "construction of logic" to discover or explore the answer to the question.

**UNIVERSAL THEME/ CORE QUESTION:**

Write a question dealing with a theme(s) of the text that will encourage group discussion about the universality of the text.

**LITERARY ANALYSIS QUESTION:**

Write a question dealing with HOW an author chose to compose a literary piece. How did the author manipulate point of view, characterization, poetic form, archetypal hero patterns, for example?

**CLOSE---ENDED QUESTION:**

This question is reserved for something you are confused about, but that you know there is a right answer for. This question will help everyone in the class come to an agreement about events or characters in the text. This question usually has a "correct" answer.

\*This assignment is in addition to the District Summer Reading Assignment