

English 11 Summer Reading 2023

Read *Kindred* by Octavia Butler and complete all the tasks outlined below.

Task #1 - As you read, you will keep a reader response journal to answer the questions below. This can be something you hand write, or it could be a digital document. You must include quotes from the novel to support each of your responses. Answer each question thoughtfully that demonstrates you are truly thinking about the text as well as proving that you read the text.

Journal Entry #1 to be completed after reading “Prologue” and “The River”:

Using textual evidence, predict what you believe the conflicts of the novel will be, how will the relationship between Dana and Rufus grow, and what the book will ultimately be about.

Journal Entry #2 to be completed after reading “The Fire”:

How does Dana saving Rufus in this chapter reflect how she saved Rufus in “The River”? Discuss the power dynamic between Rufus and Dana. Consider their age, gender, race, education, and experiences. Use textual evidence to support your response.

Journal Entry #3 to be completed after reading “The Fall”:

Why is time travel happening? What kind of influence can Dana have during these sporadic visits? How does the time travel affect Dana and Kevin? Use evidence from the text to support your answers.

Journal Entry #4 to be completed after reading “The Fight”:

Pick one character and trace their choices from the first time you met them in the novel until the end of this chapter. Describe whether they are in an upward or downward spiral. How has time travel played a role in their character development? Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your response.

Journal Entry #5 to be completed after reading “The Storm”:

How have your feelings for Rufus changed since the beginning of the novel? Who do you sympathize with and why? What are your feelings about Dana continually helping Rufus even though she disagrees with his actions? Use quotes from the text to support your answer.

Journal Entry #6 to be completed after reading “The Rope” and “Epilogue”:

Science Fiction bends reality and places the reader in an unfamiliar setting and/or situation. Historical Fiction transports the reader to a past event and allows the reader to experience it. Octavia Butler combined these two genres in her novel, *Kindred*. How does the addition of time travel make the story more powerful for a modern reader? Use evidence from the novel to support your response.

Task #2 - Also as you read, you will choose one of the three main characters: Dana, Rufus, or Kevin and complete the character chart for that character. The chart can be found on the JC summer assignment website. In the center of the chart, include the character's name and physical characteristics. In the top two boxes, describe the characters actions the first two times you read about him/her. In the middle four boxes, keep track of the characters actions or personality changes throughout the novel. In the last two boxes, describe how the character has changed throughout the novel.

Task #3 – After finishing your character chart, create a Prezi (www.prezi.com) – you will have to make a student account – that creates a timeline for your character that represents the growth and decline in their character development. Include at least ten events from throughout the novel. You will discuss what the events are and how they impact the development of your character. The Prezi should be informative and visually appealing. You may use the same template or choose your own infographic template. Include pictures that reflect your events. Here is an example to use. <https://prezi.com/i/whlr8kilobxw/>