

Honors English 10 - Summer Reading Assignment

We Have Always Lived in the Castle - by Shirley Jackson

- Before reading the novel, watch the following video about gothic literature up to last section (18:35):

<https://youtu.be/NULLOYGiSDI>

- As you read, write a paragraph in which you address how each of the aspects from the video (listed below) is illustrated in the novel. Write your responses on index cards and label them with the specific aspect at the top of the card.

- **Castle**
- **Wild Nature**
- **Supernatural**
- **Metonymy**
- **Sublime**
- **The Past**
- **Confinement**

- For each of the novel's ten chapters, provide the following information. Write your responses on index cards and label them by chapter.

1. Write a one sentence summary of what happens in the chapter;
2. Provide a powerful description (person, place, or thing) from the chapter;
3. Write a statement that begins with "I noticed ..." and address something interesting or significant that you noticed in the chapter;
4. Write a statement that begins with "I was confused about ..." and address something that happened or was said in the chapter that you found confusing;
5. Identify and write a key quote from the chapter. Look for something that relates directly to the portrayal of a character or illustrates a theme in the novel.