

# Play Reading Projects

**Choose another play written in the same time period as the play we read as a class**

**Written Options-** Select one of the following options. Write an organized, thoughtful response, using appropriate spelling, grammar, and punctuation; include a works cited page if necessary. Your response should be a minimum of 300 words (not including the works cited page.)

## OPTIONS FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE: SELECT ONE

- 1) What is the essential question posed by the playwright through this play? What answer does the playwright offer? What are your thoughts?
- 2) What one line or speech from the play really represents the central idea/theme/moral of the play? Explain the context for the line. Discuss how this line communicates the theme.
- 3) Why do you think this play is considered a classic, included on a "plays you should read" list? What makes it compelling, timeless, and/or lasting? Or do you disagree?
- 4) Research the playwright. Write about his/her life and work. If possible, research the production history of the play itself (premiere, awards, original/notable casts, etc.).
- 5) Consider the time and place in which this play was written and originally performed. What impact does that period have on the play? What impact might the play had on the culture of its time? Some research into the time period will likely be necessary to answer this question.

## CREATIVE OPTIONS: SELECT TWO

**Write a deleted scene using characters from the play.** This could be an event that was talked about in the play, but didn't happen onstage; a moment right before the action of the play, or right after; the options are fairly limitless. The scene should be at least 2 pages long (typed & printed); use appropriate script formatting.

**Create a poster for a production of the play.** Make your poster vibrant and eye catching; use images that reflect the ideas from the play. Make sure to include any information that might attract an audience, as well as dates, times, and place (you may invent these).

**Create a word collage.** Using key words and phrases from the play, create a word collage. This may be cut & paste, or electronic (i.e. Wordle), but it must be printed and turned in.

**Create a character scrapbook.** Select one of the characters from the play and create a scrapbook that he/she might create. This needs to be at least 5 pages.

**Create a character's diary.** Select of the characters from the play and create a diary that he/she might write. This needs to be at least 4-6 entries long and should include reflection on at least some of the events from the play.

**Create a meme that relates to the play.** There are several meme creators on the internet. Be creative on this! Your meme needs to be printed out and turned in on the due date.