

All 9th Grade Classes

Summer Reading Assignment

All 9th grade students are to purchase and read The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas. Students will choose one Essay topic and compose a thoughtful, coherent essay displaying textual reference. Essays should be double spaced and at least a 400 word count. Essay first draft submission is due in class Friday, August 9th.

Essay Topic 1

Dantès is able to forgive some of the men who wronged him, but not all of them. Who was he not able to forgive? How does this inability to forgive affect his life and theirs?

Essay Topic 2

Jealousy is a major motivating factor for a number of characters in this book. Which of these characters are most motivated by jealousy? How is jealousy exhibited in 3 characters thought and behavior?

Essay Topic 3

What does Dantès learn from his time in prison? How does this knowledge impact his life when he finally escaped the prison?

Essay Topic 4

How does Faria's religious fervor influence Dantès in his future life outside of the prison?

Essay Topic 5

Education and knowledge are two very important themes in this book. How does education affect Dantès's life positively and negatively?