9th Grade Regents & Honors Levels: Summer Reading Assignment Reflection Paper

This paper is due on September 21, 2020.

This entire assignment will be worth 100 points. The reflection paper will count as the first-quarter project, which is equivalent to a test grade.

You are required to read the novel The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare.

This book can be purchased from any major bookstore or on-line. In addition, you can check your local library as well.

Please obtain a copy of this book as soon as possible.

Read the entire book and be prepared to answer a series of questions about the book.

- You must type a 1-2 page essay about the reading.
- Details and examples from the book should be used whenever fitting.
- Please label each part and do them in the correct order.
- Be sure to follow MLA format:
  - 12-point font
  - Times New Roman font
  - 1-inch margins all around
  - Double-spaced
  - MLA heading in the top left corner
    - Example:
      - Your Name
      - Teacher’s Name
      - Summer Assignment
      - Due Date

Directions: Your paper is a REFLECTION based on the book. Your paper is broken into two sections. In each section, questions have been provided to guide your response. Be sure to use examples from the book and cite the pages in the book you quote or provide examples from.

Part I:
- Briefly summarize in one (1) paragraph the events described in the book.
- What part of the book impacted you the most and why? Explain your response.

Part II: History shows us that there are Enduring Issues. There are many issues in this book that you can make an argument for but for this assignment you are asked to focus on the Enduring Issue of Conflict. Using the evidence from the reading, argue:
  - How conflict is a major theme of this novel. What parties are engaged in the conflict?
  - After reading the novel, do you think it is possible for the Romans and Jewish people to live together peacefully? Explain your answer.
History shows us that the Roman Empire, as well as many others, eventually collapses. Do you think that **Internal Conflict** (unhappiness and eventual rebellion amongst those living within the boundaries of the empire) contributed to the Fall of the Roman Empire? Use evidence from the novel to support your answer.

**Summer assignment rubric:**
- Quality of the information= 70 points
- Grammar and mechanics= 15 points
- Organization and neatness= 15 points