

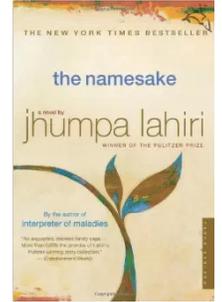


DWIGHT SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

11th Grade Summer 2017 Assignment

IB English A Literature HL I

Ms. Billard



Please purchase and read *The Namesake*, by Jhumpa Lahiri (ISBN: 0618485228), and complete the following tasks.

Motifs are recurring elements with symbolic significance in a story. They may be sights, sounds, words, ideas, linguistic devices, or structural components such as flashbacks or chapter headings. Motifs are repeated throughout a story in order to create or influence other literary elements such as mood or theme.

Choose any two (2) of the following motifs – one (1) from each column.

Names / Naming

Shifts in Narration (Multiple Third-Person Narrators)

Trains

Vivid Sensory Details through Figurative Language

Religion

Allusions to Literature

Clothing / Shoes

Flashbacks

Food

Foreshadowing

1. Track the two motifs as you read by marking the relevant passages. You may underline, star, write notes in the margins, or even use Post-It notes. You should mark *at least six (6) examples* of each motif, for a total of twelve (12) examples. Be sure that you do *not* choose examples that are all located in one part of the text; they should, instead, range from the beginning through the middle to the end, demonstrating your complete experience with the text.

2. On a separate document, either handwritten or typed, note the page number for each example of each motif. In addition, in a few sentences, explain the significance of the use of each motif at that particular point, perhaps including how that instance of the motif differs from previous instances of the motif. Be sure to also focus on the purpose of the motif and its effect, if any, on the story, the reader, or other literary conventions.

Bring your annotated book and separate explanatory notes to class *on the first day*. Your work will be checked at that time. Soon thereafter, you will be asked to transform your notes and explanations into a lengthier, deeper literary analysis.

If you have any questions about this summer assignment, contact Ms. Billard at ebillard@dwight.edu. Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September!