

PPA AP English Literature and Composition
Summer Reading 2019
Mrs. Kahn

Please read the following novel:

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

1. After reading the novel, write a paragraph explaining the theme of invisibility. Be sure to include evidence from the text to support your response. I do not want a formal essay, merely, a paragraph explaining how the theme is evident within the story.

2. Include another paragraph commenting on the structure of *Invisible Man*. Consider the following questions: How is the novel structured? (Chronologically? Flashback? Cyclical? Different points of view?) How does the structure of the novel enhance the meaning of the work as a whole/theme? What is the author's purpose in organizing the novel in this fashion?

3. In a third paragraph, make a personal connection by relating to a time when you have felt invisible or wanted to feel invisible. How are you like the narrator?

4. Finally, do some research about the author. Explain what genre of stories he is known for. Was this novel written from a personal experience? Give me a paragraph (written in your own words and not directly copied from Wikipedia!) about the author in relation to this story.

These written responses must be typed and are **due on the first day of school, Monday, August 5, 2019, to be turned in at the beginning of class**, and then uploaded into Canvas (at a later date), so keep an electronic copy!

If you have any questions, please contact me at ekahn@tuhsd.k12.az.us