

## Summer Reading Assignment 2009

### General English 12

*Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley

*Cry, The Beloved Country*, Alan Paton

1. Choose one of the two novels you read this summer and complete a Reader's Log in which you respond to the following questions using complete sentences. Do not use study guides or other sources for this assignment. Use your own thoughts and ideas!

Paragraph 1: What was your first reaction to the book? Did your reaction to the book change as you read more? Did you anticipate what would happen next? What was your final reaction to the book? Explain. Be specific. Cite the story.

Paragraph 2: Comment on the book's title. What does it mean? Does it have more than one meaning? Is it an appropriate title? Why?

Paragraph 3: What connections exist between this book and your own life? Does it remind you of anything in today's world? Explain.

2. For the second novel, select one of the following creative activities to express the novel's lesson, theme, plot, setting and/or characterization:
  - a. Poster, collage, original sketch or painting

- b. Original comic/story book depiction of the novel
- c. Diorama
- d. Sculpture or mobile
- e. Illustrated time line of the events

**This assignment must be typed and handed in the first day of class. You will be tested on both books as early as the first week of school.**