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Class Pd. _____

Students entering **English II** should print and complete this assignment. Handwrite the responses neatly in complete sentences. **Due the first Friday of school.**

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Printing the assigned short stories is not required.

English II Summer Reading Assignment

Theme is the overall meaning of a literary work. Some common literary themes are “good and evil,” “perseverance,” survival,” “family ties,” “faith,” “death and loss,” and “generosity.”

As you read the 3 assigned readings, consider a prominent theme and how each author develops the theme in the story. Then, **write a five-to-six sentence explanation for each.** Include **textual evidence** as support. Use the third person only; do not use contractions. Prefer strong verbs and adjectives. Write about literature using the present tense of the verb.

1-“Rip Van Winkle” by Washington Irving

2-“The Snows of Kilimanjaro” by Ernest Hemingway

3-"Straws Into Gold: The Metamorphosis of the Everyday"
