

10 Grade Regular English Summer Reading—McLaughlin

- A. Read Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities.
- B. Purchase a composition notebook and use it as your journal, responding to all 4 questions below. Please write in ink and skip lines. Make sure to number your responses. This journal is due on the first day of school in September, 2008.
1. Look up Edmund Burke (1729-1797) on a reputable on-line source. Notice that his legacy lies primarily with his support of the American colonies against George III and his opposition to the 1789 French Revolution. After some research about Burke, write a journal entry pretending that you are this great man. Specifically discuss three reasons why you oppose the French Revolution. (Write at least 3 paragraphs, 12 sentences each.)
 2. Look carefully at A Tale of Two Cities, Book II, Chapter I. (Pages 53-57). Analyze the details of Mr. Jerry Cruncher's appearance and his private lodging. Use at least 3 short quotes from the chapter. (Write at least 15 substantive sentences.)
 3. Chapter 24 (pages 219-228) ends the Second Book of the novel. Why is this chapter entitled "Drawn to the Loadstone Rock"? What does this concrete image mean in the final sentence of this chapter? (Write two paragraphs of 10 sentences each.)
 4. Using at least 2 quotes from the novel, characterize how the aristocracy lived in the time of Louis the 16th. (Compose at least 2 paragraphs of 10 sentences each.)