***The Bible as in Literature* Notebook and Reading Assignments**

**English 2E**

As we read stories from *The Bible as in Literature (BAIL)*, you will create a Reading Notebook devoted to your understanding and analysis of the stories. Your notebook will be **graded** periodically on its organization/neatness, and content.

You will create **sections** in your notes for each reading assignment or set of stories. You will be expected to complete your notes as homework. Notes are due at the **beginning** of class.

Start your notes for each set of chapters on a new page. At the top of each page, provide this **heading**:

Story Title(s), Page numbers

Date

**Example:**

“Creation: Heaven and Earth,” p. 5

January 29, 2018

**Reading Notes** shouldprovide the following:

* a plot summary
* list of major characters and some description of each one
* setting
* List literary devices that you notice while you read. Provide examples from the text. Your notes should look like the sample below.
* For Close Reading and/or For Thought and Discussion questions

**Sample Reading Notes Page**

“The Great Flood,” p. 55

February 7, 2018

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| **Plot Summary**  God thought people were evil. He wanted to punish them to cleanse the earth. He created a great flood. He told Noah (sons and wives) to build an ark and choose 2 animals of each kind (p. 55). It rained for 40 days and 40 nights (p. 56) until the world was flooded. Noah sent a raven to find land (p. 57). Then he sent out a dove that returned with an olive leaf, which meant there was land (p. 57). After 150 days, the waters subsided. God said, “Be fruitful and multiply.” The covenant God made with humans was a promise that he would never flood the world again (p. 58). | |
| **Device** | **Text Evidence & Purpose** | |
| Characters | Noah = righteousness and blameless; 600+ years old (p. 56); wife, children  Shem, Ham, Japheth = Noah’s sons (p. 55) | |
| Setting | Ark (p. 55) | |
| Theme/Allegorical meaning | Be righteous, and you will have protection from God. | |
| Repetition | “according to their kind,” “covenant,” “be fruitful and multiply” | |
| Symbols | Flood=cleansing of earth  Ark=protection/God’s covenant  Rainbow=God’s covenant  Dove=peace  Raven=absence  Olive branch=peace  Noah=righteousness; blamelessness  40=length of a test/trial (recurring across stories)  Altar=communication with God | |
| FCR, 1-3, p. 58  1. Answers should be complete. Write in full sentences and answer all parts of the prompt.  2. Use names of people, places, and things for clarity. Avoid using pronouns (he, she, it) in your responses.  3. Use text evidence (quotes and page numbers) whenever possible. | | |

FCR = For Close Reading

T&D = For Thought and Discussion