

9th Grade ELA Summer Reading Assignment - ENG1/Pre-AICE ENG LANG

“The Bass, the River, and Sheila Mant” by W. D. Wetherell

“Soneto (Sonnet) 71” by Pablo Neruda

Directions: Compare and contrast the two texts with the following questions. Each response must be typed in a complete paragraph in 12 pt Times New Roman font.

1. How are the themes of love and sacrifice present in both texts?
2. How does the use of literary devices (such as imagery, tone, or symbolism) enhance the themes?
3. What differences are there in how the short story and the poem develop the themes of love and sacrifice?
4. What does the narrator (or speaker) in each text learn about love, loss, and personal priorities?

Personal Reflection: Reflect on a time when you faced a difficult decision similar to the narrator in “The Bass, the River, and Sheila Mant.” How did you handle the situation, and what did you learn from it? Compare and contrast your experience with the narrator's experience in the story.