



English I PAP 2018 Summer Reading Assignment

The Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury

After reading the novel, design **six (6) postcards for six of the short stories** in the book. Each postcard should be written from the point-of-view of a main character from that particular short story. **The 6th postcard MUST come from the last short story “The Rocket.”**

Each postcard must show that you understand how to summarize major themes and use symbols to represent those themes. **A theme is a dominate topic, idea, or focus of the novel. A novel can have several themes.** You must write about an important/significant event from each of the six short stories. Remember, the person you are writing to did not witness the event, so you have to be very descriptive and use at least one quote from the book to clarify your story.

Each postcard will have two sides. One side will be a picture or symbol; the other will be a handwritten/typed letter.

Side One:

The postcards should be written by the character to another person. Each postcard should tell what is happening during the significant event. Remember to be specific about events. You will need a quote for each postcard. You will have a total of six postcards. Each postcard will be about a different short story in the novel.

HINTS:

- ★ You want to try to be finished reading your novel several days before the due date!
- ★ You should not use stick figures. If you are not an artist, find pictures from the internet or magazines that represent the themes you are trying to talk about in each postcard.
- ★ An example of a postcard from *The Hunger Games* is on the back of this page.

Side Two:

The picture should be colorful and representative of the event(s) in the short stories you choose.

Dear Dad,

How I wish you were here. Reaping Day finally arrived, and my worst fear was confirmed: Prim was chosen as the female tribute of our district, District 13. There is no way I could let her go. Prim is only 12 years old. She is sensitive, and nurturing, and she won't be able to handle the violence and suffering of the Games. It is almost a certainty that she will die if she goes. And with her, Mom will die too. Instead, I will be going to the Hunger Games in her place. "I volunteer! I volunteer as tribute!" I shouted after they called Prim's name. Everyone was stunned, as it's basically unheard of for someone from our district to volunteer. Our poverty and malnourishment puts us at a disadvantage compared to the wealthier children of other districts. But what they don't know is I have years of hunting experience and I'm far less sensitive than Prim. I am more likely to survive. I need to survive. I need to come back for Prim and for Mom. I know that if you were here, you'd be proud of me.

I love you always,
Your daughter, Katniss

Choose a symbol or photo that represents the event. For example, when Katniss volunteered as tribute, she showed her love for her sister, hence the raised hand with a heart.