

Chicago Literature Academic

Summer Reading Assignment

Directions: choose one of the below excursions to take this summer and complete the corresponding writing assignment.

Option 1:

- A. Go to the Chicago History Museum. The museum should be free with either your student ID or driver's license, so bring both. Take time (probably about 60-90 minutes) to view all of the exhibits and choose the six that interest you the most. You will take a selfie with the exhibit to be submitted with your writing assignment.
- B. **Writing Assignment:** write a 1-2 page reflection in MLA format about what you learned from the 6 exhibits (approximately one paragraph per-exhibit) that stood out to you, and how you think this knowledge will help you in Chicago Literature this semester. Feel free to make predictions on how you might see history from these exhibits in the literature we go over. Also, consider anything personal to you that you may have seen at the museum, and any relation it has to you or your family's history.
- C. You will submit digital copies of your 6 selfies through Canvas.
- D. **Pro Tip:** Get the SpotHero app and get a parking spot for the day at a cheap price (or take public transportation). Go to the museum when it opens, spend your time there, grab lunch at one of the fine restaurants around the museum, and then head across the bridge over Lake Shore Drive and spend the day at the beach. There is a lot to do around the museum and you can easily make a fun day of this.
- E. This assignment will be due the third day of class.

Address:

The Chicago History Museum
1601 N Clark St
Chicago, IL 60614

Option 2:

- A. Go downtown and explore. Try to see some new sights and landmarks you may have or have not heard of before. As you take your adventure through the city, take a picture of yourself with six different buildings, places, or landmarks that interest you. These can be anything in the city that interest you, but I would ask

that you stay away from the 'touristy' things like Sears Tower, Water Tower, Wrigley Field, etc. Try to be original and find something new.

- B. You will submit digital copies of your 6 selfies through Canvas.
- C. **Writing Assignment:** write a 1-2 page reflection in MLA format about what you learned from the 6 landmarks (approximately one paragraph per-exhibit) that stood out to you, and how you think this knowledge will help you in Chicago Literature this semester. Feel free to make predictions on how you might see them in the literature we go over. Also, consider anything personal to you that you may have seen in the city, and any relation it has to you or your family's history.
- D. This assignment will be due the third day of class.