Assignment Ideas

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Writing
- Take notes on each chapter, summarize or outline each chapter
- Answer discussion questions
- Write a daily blog with classmates

Project
- Create a project based on the book to present to the class and outline your presentation

Vocabulary
- Define vocabulary words as used in context
- Make a list of new vocabulary words in each chapter

Introduction
illuminate, crucial, diverge, fate, prestigious, daunting, phalanx, superficial, obsess, conspiratorial, conjuring, melodramatic, narcissistic, naïve, self-indulgent, presumptuous, rendered

Chapter 1
mollified, diaphanous, unabashed, reconciliation, diligently, cadences, idiosyncrasies, volatile, roiling, assimilationist, charismatic, contemptuous, insatiable, resonant, askance, improbable, recalibrate, entrepreneur, dialysis, gaunt, gregarious

Chapter 2
monoliths, claustrophobic, logistics, retaliate, incapacitated, pondering, ventilated, alcove, vigilance, rationality, sprightly, fluctuated, transformation, engulfed, shrine, apathy, demeanor, post-apocalyptic, frame of reference, signifier, cohort, phenoms,

Chapter 3
dilapidated, haven, potent, affiliation, predominantly, surreal, pristine, homogeneous, nonchalantly, pathetic, innovative, metastasizing, bucolically, tableau, disenchantment, vulnerable, exhilarating

Part Two
flagrantly, squandered

Chapter 4
clenched, inquisition, infuriated, hypocrite, plummeted, incredulous, epiphany, validator, inchoate, audacity, retrospect, prowess, contingent, reminisce, hyperventilating, simultaneously, chasm, precipice
Chapter 5
sonorous, fusillade, tirade, stellar, austere, cuisine, dubious, bewildered, cachet, guidon, denoted, deferential, demeanor, crucial, juncture, irrevocable, trappings, adrift,

Chapter 6
relevancy, gruff, prestigious, illusion, litany, bewilderment

Chapter 7
cadence, cumbersomely, riveted, engulfed, retrospect, pathology, pragmatic, dilemma, entranced, vulnerable, impermanence, prospective, sporadic, tenuous, trepidation

Chapter 8
perpetrators, audacious, brusquely, manifest, melancholy, imposing, unassuming, daunting, glib, stodgy, apportioned, myriad, anecdotes, rapacious, vertigo

Low Income Wage Earner Assignment

Task One:
Using the want ads from local papers ind a job that you are (1) qualified for, and (2) that pays an hourly wage. Assume that you already have your high school diploma. Otherwise, you may apply for any job for which you have the required skill.

Once you have found a job:
• Print out the ad and place it in your folder
• Enter the hourly rate of pay into the appropriate space on your worksheet.
• Write a paragraph about your new job. Why this job? What do you imagine a day will be like at your job? Add this paragraph to your folder.

Task Two:
Find a place to live. Since you have no furniture, you will either have to find a furnished apartment or a roommate. You may only choose from ads that specify the monthly rent.

Once you’ve found a home:
• Print out the ad and put it into your folder.
• Enter the monthly rent into the appropriate box in the expenses section of your worksheet. (NOTE: Worksheet can be found as additional resource on the ‘Classroom Resources’ website)
• If your apartment/room does not include utilities average gas/electric/ater bill for the month. You can call Nipsco and give them the address and they will give you the average montly bill.
• Write a brief paragraph about why you chose this apartment or room, and add the paragraph to your folder.
Task Three:
Buy food for one week. Use the links to an area grocery store, check out the sale paper/ads and/or visit grocery stores (chains and mom and pop stores). Think about how and what you will eat for seven days. Fill in your grocery list. Multiply your grocery bill for one week by 4 to figure out your monthly grocery bill and enter your monthly grocery bill in the appropriate box.

- Write a paragraph about the choices you made.
- Did you account for three meals a day?
- Did you make healthy or less healthy choices?
- What impact did price have on your choices?
- Describe what you will eat in a typical day.
- Add this paragraph to your folder

Task Four:
Expenses
- Gasoline:
  Look up the price of a gallon of gas in your city. Multiply that amount by 12 (the typical # of gallons in the average car). Figure you will use no more than one full tank per week. Enter that number into your worksheet.

- Clothing:
  You will need to buy pants, a shirt, and a pair of shoes.

Choose only from the three links provided (walmart.com, sears.com, target.com) and enter price of each item into the worksheet. Print out pictures of the clothes you chose, and add them to your folder.

- Entertainment:
  Find one fun thing to do in your city that you can afford. Enter the cost of this activity into your worksheet, and print out a description or picture of the event to add to your folder.

Task Five:
Check your bottom line. How did you do for the month? Did you make it? If not, can you do something to improve your situation? Could you find a better job? A cheaper apartment?

Print out your worksheet.

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