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Summer Assignment Sheet
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Unless specifically stated, no outside resources (Web sites, books, magazines, etc.) should be consulted to complete weekly homework assignments. *In other words, don't just Google the answer.* All assignments, unless otherwise noted, should be completed in MLA format

Literature

- Print and read "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" by Mark Twain from the portal. Know the answer to these questions before you begin the writing assignment:
 - Why is Jim Smiley "infamous" (line 5)? How does he earn his income?
 - What technique did Smiley teach the bull-pup to win a dog fight? Why did he lose that last fight?
 - What was the next animal Smiley trained? How long did he train that animal?
 - Smiley wanted to make a bet so badly with the stranger in town, what did he do? While he was gone, what did the stranger do?

Writing:

- Answer the following questions in one or two complete sentences.
 1. Wheeler says, "Smiley was monstrous proud of his frog, and well he might be, for fellers that had traveled and been everywhere, all said he laid over any frog that ever *they* see" (lines 100-101). Why do you think Smiley was proud?
 2. How do you think Smiley felt after he lost and then realized what the stranger had done? Do you think Smiley assumed he and the stranger shared the same values?
- Answer the following questions in paragraph form.
 3. Although Jim Smiley did not have the most upright profession, in his community, he was well known and even respected for his luck and diligence. Read Colossians 3:23-24. Putting aside that Smiley's profession was not honorable, how do you think these verses apply to him? Be sure to include textual evidence to support your opinion.
 4. Smiley trusts the stranger with his prize frog while he goes to the swamp, but the stranger betrays his trust by impairing his frog's ability and cheating him out of \$40. Knowing he has done what is wrong, the stranger runs away. Read Galatians 6:7. In light of this verse, why do you think the stranger runs away?
 5. In this short story, Jim Smiley had more integrity than the stranger. Look forward to this academic year. Think about the value of Smiley's integrity, not only to himself

but also to his community. Do you want to be known for your integrity? What are at least 3 ways you can protect your integrity this year in your community?

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