

Sophomore Summer Reading: 2023-24

Required for Standard & Honors English

1. *The Ardent Swarm* by Yamen Manai (2017)

***You will need a copy of this text to start the year.**

2. *Squire* by Nadia Shammas and illustrated by Sara Alfageeh (2022)

This text is a graphic novel. You will NOT need a copy of it for class.

*It is not necessary that you buy a copy of these texts, but you will need *Ardent Swarm* for the first month of school. Check your local library, thrift stores, and used bookstores for copies of the texts.

Directions: Whether you are taking Honors English 020 or Standard English 021, the required reading is the novel *The Ardent Swarm* by Yamen Manai and the graphic novel *Squire*, written by Nadia Shammas and illustrated by Sara Alfageeh. As these texts will be sources for your first lessons & assessments next year, **complete the following assignment prior to returning to St. Edward in August of 2023. Your work should be typed, organized, & include textual evidence.**

1. ***Ardent Swarm*:** Manai's novel about a man investigating the destruction of a bee hive is an ***allegory***, or a story with symbolic meaning, for examining threats against democracy. Complete the graphic organizer & list on p. 2 of the document, finding evidence from the story about the activity of bees & making allegorical connections to the actions of people (politicians, citizens, etc.).
2. ***Squire*:** Complete **12 detailed notes** concerning elements of its style – how it is written, drawn, and colored – that grabbed your attention (some style of elements are listed below). Organize your notes as a list, chart, or other format. **Include an image from *Squire* for each of your notes.**

Elements of Style (you do not have to use a set number of these & there are others):

-Plot Elements (in media res, cliff hangers)

-Author's Tone

-Mood / Atmosphere

-Punctuation (for obvious effect)

-Repetition (of language, ideas, images)

-Literal vs Figurative language

-Symbolism

-Theme / Message

-Imagery

-Dialogue vs Description

-Conflict (types)

-Juxtaposition (opposites used together to create noticeable contrast)

-Allusion (reference to history or literature)

-Typography (font size and type)

-Syntax (sentence length / structure)

Unpack the Allegory for Democracy in *The Ardent Swarm*

Explore Manai's allegory by finding evidence for the literal actions and interactions of bees & giant hornets in the story, as well as finding evidence from human social and political activity.

****If you struggle to find evidence for one of the connections listed on the chart, you may replace it with an allegorical connection that you come up with yourself.***

Roles in the Allegory	Example with quote & page # from actual depiction of bees	Example with quote & page # from allegory for politics
<i>1. Bees</i>		
<i>2. Giant Hornets</i>		
<i>3. Hive (all together, individual parts, or function)</i>		
<i>4. Beekeeper</i>		
<i>5. Bees collecting pollen & nectar</i>		
<i>6. Hornet attacks on the hive</i>		
<i>7. Introducing a new or foreign queen to the hive</i>		
<i>8. Swarming maneuver by bees</i>		

Analyze the quotes & explain the connections on the chart in a min. of 3 sentences each.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.