

English IV - Honors and (AP)
Summer Reading Questions
No Country for Old Men - Cormac McCarthy
Vic Morlas

The answers to these questions should be turned in on the first day of class.

1. Hamartia is a literary term that refers to or reflects a tragic or fatal flaw of a character. Explain two mistakes of Llewellyn that lead to his demise or downfall. (70 words)
2. Titles are significant. Explain the importance of the title, No Country for Old Men, as it relates to the theme of the novel. (70 words)
3. What does the Chigurh value more, money or violence. Explain your answer. (70 words)
4. Why is Sheriff Bell “willing to die” but is not willing “to put his soul at hazard”? Explain your answer. (50 words)
5. What motivates Sheriff Bell? Why does he feel so protective of Llewellyn and his wife? In what ways does Bell’s past, particularly his war experience, affect his actions in the present? (70 words)
6. How do we answer the ancient problem of evil? Is it an inherent flaw of human nature or the net result of random fate? Explain your answer. (50 words)