

English 10
Summer Reading Assignment
Cry, the Beloved Country & The Pearl

WHO'S THE MAN?
STEPHEN KUMALO AND KINO, A STUDY IN MANHOOD

Over the summer, you read two powerful stories of the trials and tribulations of two of the greatest characters in literature. In *Cry, the Beloved Country*, by Alan Paton, the **Reverend Stephen Kumalo** faces many extreme hardships. His faith is put to the ultimate test, and in the end he passes with flying colors. In *The Pearl*, by John Steinbeck, we witness the struggles of **Kino**, who has been significantly battered by his desire to provide a better life for his family. While both stories differ greatly, as readers, we are given two very distinct portraits of manhood. Earnest Hemingway, another famous author, says that **“to be a man is to behave with honor and dignity: to not succumb to suffering, to accept one’s duty without complaint, and most importantly, to display a maximum degree of self-control.”** In this assignment you will be showing through your words how Kumalo and Kino live up to this definition of manhood.

ASSIGNMENT

- ❑ Give **TWO** specific and direct examples from *Cry, the Beloved Country* that illustrate **Kumalo** living up to Hemingway’s definition of manhood.
- ❑ After each example, write one paragraph (5 – 7 sentences with topic and concluding sentences) explaining why you chose it for this assignment.
- ❑ Give **TWO** specific and direct examples from *The Pearl* that illustrate **Kino** living up to Hemingway’s definition of manhood.
- ❑ After each example, write one paragraph (5 – 7 sentences with topic and concluding sentences) explaining why you chose it for this assignment.
- ❑ Finally, write a **half page** about someone you know who lives up to Hemingway’s definition of manhood. Be sure to start with a topic sentence and end with a concluding sentence. In between, justify why you chose whom you did. It can be a family member, friend, or a famous person. It can even be someone from the Bible! Pick someone besides Jesus though.

ASSIGNMENT VALUE: 50 POINTS – THAT’S A LOT!

DUE DATE: This assignment will be submitted to turnitin.com at the beginning of school. Details will be given in class as to how to access turnitin.com.

“This is the test of your manhood: How much is there left in you after you have lost everything outside of yourself?”

Orison Swett Marden