

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*