

SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

10th Grade Honors English (Pre-AP) HON ENG II Summer Reading Assignment - 2025

* You are responsible for these books over the summer and are highly encouraged to annotate by interacting with the text – underline, circle or highlight key words and phrases, write summaries in the margin, ask questions, agree or disagree with the text, etc. An annotated book is yours to keep. If you choose not to annotate your book, you may bring it back to class in the first week of school. You need to know both texts well enough to participate in a graded class discussion and/or quiz.

Cry, the Beloved Country & The Screwtape Letters

Meet Wormwood's Newest "Patient": Stephen Kumalo

The Screwtape Letters, by C.S. Lewis, provides readers with a glimpse into how Satan tries to undermine mankind into thinking and acting his way. Through the writings of Screwtape to his nephew Wormwood the reader is allowed to see that Satan's schemes are a lot more subtle than most would suspect.

Alan Paton's classic novel, *Cry, the Beloved Country*, portrays the story of the tragedy and triumph of the Reverend Stephen Kumalo. Throughout his trials and tribulations, Kumalo proves to be a man of great faith and conviction.

In this assignment you will be taking on the role of Screwtape. You have decided that you have a new "patient" for your nephew Wormwood. His mission is to try to win over the soul of Stephen Kumalo for hell. Based on your reading of both stories, what methods can you use that might be effective where Kumalo is concerned? How might you be able to get him to turn his back on his God?

Assignment

On a **Word document** complete the following:

- ✓ You will be writing a series of **THREE letters from Screwtape to Wormwood**, each in correct letter format and three-quarters of a page long, excluding the salutation and closing. (12-pt font, 2.0 spacing, about 20 lines)
- ✓ Each letter should focus on one particular method suggested by Screwtape in *The Screwtape Letters* to be used to make Kumalo turn away from his faith.
- ✓ Each letter should make specific references as to why the chosen method of Screwtape might work on Kumalo based on what he is going through in *Cry, the Beloved Country*.
- ✓ Each letter should be written in the same format as Screwtape's letters to Wormwood in *The Screwtape Letters*.

Assignment Value: 30 points

Due Date: Your letters will be submitted to **turnitin.com** when school begins. Details will be given in class as to how to access turnitin.com

Bring a printed paper copy to school on your first day of class. The letters should be in ONE document. The document should include a **cover page** for the assignment that includes your name, teacher name, class name, and date.

*As always, this assignment should reflect your own thoughts and ideas. It should not be written or enhanced by tools like ChatGPT, Grammarly, or any other AI writing assistance.