READ and WRITE:

1) Have handed in every regular assignment during the current quarter.

2) Have regularly earned participation grades above 75% during the current quarter.

3) Read an approved book and write a summary paper.

a) Write at least one paragraph on each of the book’s chapters.

b) Write at least one paragraph in which you assess the viewpoint from which the author wrote.

4) Show the book, purchased or borrowed, to Miss Buccola upon handing in your paper.

5) In order for your paper to be counted toward the current quarter, hand it in at least one full week before the end of the quarter. If you hand it in before then, expect the extra credit grade to affect your overall quarter grade near the end of the quarter, and most likely not before then.

Quarter 1 deadline: Friday, September 26.

Quarter 2 deadline: Friday, December 12.

Quarter 3 deadline: Friday, February 27.

Quarter 4 deadline: Wednesday, May 6.

6) If you fulfill all of these requirements in a satisfactory manner, you may earn up to 10 points per paper.

Approved books:

* Any “Very Short Introduction” from Oxford University Press
* Any “A Student’s Guide” from Intercollegiate Studies Institute Books
* Any book Miss Buccola makes a point of mentioning during class
* Any book mentioned in the footnotes of *Aspects of Western Civilization*
* Any book mentioned by Jacques Barzun as “The book to read is…”
* Any book you can get Miss Buccola to approve prior to writing the paper

WATCH and WRITE:

1) Have handed in every regular assignment during the current quarter.

2) Have regularly earned participation grades above 75% during the current quarter.

3) Watch an approved movie and write a summary paper.

a) Summarize the historical elements of the movie.

b) Spend at least one paragraph assessing how accurately the movie represented the time period of history which the movie involved.

4) In order for your paper to be counted toward the current quarter, hand it in at least one full week before the end of the quarter. If you hand it in before then, expect the extra credit grade to affect your overall quarter grade near the end of the quarter, and most likely not before then.

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5) If you fulfill all of these requirements in a satisfactory manner, you may earn up to 5 points per paper.

Approved movies: [DISCLAIMER: MISS BUCCOLA DOES NOT VOUCH FOR THE MORAL CONTENT OF ANY OF THESE MOVIES; YOU AND YOUR PARENTS MUST MAKE YOUR OWN DECISION BEFORE WATCHING]

* *John Wycliffe: The Morning Star*
* *A Man for All Seasons*
* *Amazing Grace*
* *A Tale of Two Cities*
* *Les Miserables*
* *The Scarlet Pimpernel*
* *Amadeus*
* *John Adams* HBO Series
* *All Quiet on the Western Front*
* *Chariots of Fire*
* *The Pianist*
* *Band of Brothers*
* *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*
* *Life is Beautiful*
* *Saints and Soldiers*
* *Valkyrie*
* *Argo*
* *Flight 93*
* *Monarchy* with David Starkey
* Any movie rendition of a Jane Austen book
* Any movie rendition of a Charles Dickens book
* Any movie rendition of a Bronte sisters book
* Any movie rendition of an Elizabeth Gaskell book
* Any movie you can get Miss Buccola to approve prior to writing the paper