**IB English Language and Literature Exam – Part 4 IOC Review Notecards**

For three works read in IB Language and Literature this year, complete a detailed set of HANDWRITTEN notecards. You can use any size and color(s) that make you happy. I cannot assign an absolute number of note cards to complete because each book will vary, but at a minimum your note cards must include the following:

* **Context** – Author’s name and country of origin, year of publication, any relevant historicalinformation
* **Characters** –major characters with a description (Please spell the names correctly!)
* **Setting(s)** – 1 or more cards depending on how many major settings the work utilizes
* **Symbols** – 1 card per major symbol, with an explanation of what it may mean
* **Motifs** – recurring images, words, or ideas that add meaning or significance to the text
* **Plot** –Trace the major events. Depending on the structure of your book, you may wish to doone card per chapter with a VERY short summary of that chapter.
* **Conflicts** – What conflicts, internal or external, drive the plot? What are the resolutions?
* **Point of View / Narrator Information** – How is the story told? In first person? By multiplecharacters? By an omniscient narrator? What is the significance of the selected narration?
* **Important Quotations** – Choose 5 quotations that jump off the page as significant andmeaningful. Write the quotation on one side of the card and your explanation of why the quote is important on the other side.
* **Theme(s)** – 1 or more cards, depending on the complexity of your book. Themes are not justthe big ideas or topics of a book but statements of what the book has to say about those ideas. For example, ***The Hunger Games*** is at least partially about the relationship between government and citizens. That, however, is not a theme. It is a topic. A theme of the book might be the statement: ***Totalitarian governments can destroy the spirits of the people they rule***. Or, if you are an optimist, you might say this is the theme: ***Totalitarian governments may control all external*** ***aspects of a society, but they cannot, in the end, control the spirits of the people they rule.***

2017-2018 IB Works:

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| 1) |  ***Oryx and Crake*** |
| 2) |  ***The Great Gatsby*** |
| 3) | ***Macbeth*** |

\*\*\*You will have class time next week to construct the cards, and you will also get to use your cards on future IB Literature essays. \*\*\*