

## Honors World History Summer Assignment

Read *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy.

There will be a test on the book the week of August 10. This test will consist of matching, true/false and multiple choice.

As you read the book, pay particular attention to the following:

- Major elements of the plot (what happens in the story).
- Major characters and how they figure into the plot.
- Major settings of the story (where things take place).
- The use of disguises.
- The loyalties/motivations of the major characters.
- The use of symbols and animal imagery.

In addition to the above, the Honors class is assigned a 600 word paper on the book covering the following:

This fictional story takes place during the Reign of Terror, a fanatical phase of the French Revolution (1793-1794). Do some research on this time period and why the Reign of Terror took place. It is interesting to note that the American Revolution (1775-1783) never experienced anything like the Reign of Terror, despite the fact that the American Revolution was an inspiration to the French revolutionaries. As you relate your research, include specific events from the book to illustrate your points, keeping in mind that the book is actually a work of fiction. The Scarlet Pimpernel did not exist, but the events surrounding him did.

This paper should be written in formal style, with paragraphs, correct spelling and grammar, etc. It will be submitted to Turnitin.com in August. A paper copy is due on August 9.