Modern World History Honors  
Summer 2018 Assignment

Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi is an action-packed historical narrative that follows the flight of a 13-year-old peasant boy across 14th century England. The text reveals a great sense of what life was like for many Europeans and the injustices present in this time of feudalism.

Directions:  
Students are asked to read Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi and then write a 3-5 page reflection paper that examines the time period present in the work and that accomplishes the following:

1) includes a thesis statement as the last sentence of the opening paragraph which is also restated in the conclusion

2) examines the political, social and economic factors that together created the situations explored in the novel chosen

3) touches upon at least 3 of the following points present in each writing  
   a. religion b. government c. the economy  
   d. labor/occupations e. family/community f. crime/ethics  
   g. class structure h. relationships i. prejudice

4) include at least 3 quotations from the text which support your ideas and/or thesis

All submissions should be typed, (double-spaced, 12 font) and cited using MLA format. Papers are due at Tiverton High School on or before August 17th at 2:00 pm and will be graded using the school-wide “Reflective Writing Rubric” (found on the school web-site and attached to this sheet) and will count as 10% of the first term grade. For any questions concerning late papers or other logistical concerns, please refer to the school-wide summer work policy located in the student handbook.

* Good luck with the assignment and I look forward to working with you in August!

** 21st Learning Expectation #4: “Students will be able to analyze, interpret, and evaluate information critically”