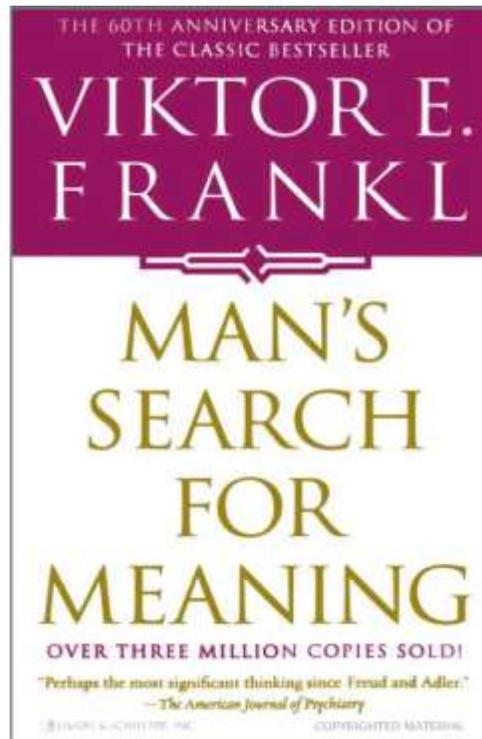




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## HUMANITIES



*MAN'S SEARCH FOR MEANING*  
*BY* VIKTOR E. FRANKL

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## ***Man's Search for Meaning***

Humanities Summer Reading Assignment

You are to read *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl and create and maintain a response journal. For this assignment we would like for you to produce a product that is pristine, polished, and professional. We would like for you to:

1. Illustrate the front cover with your interpretation of the novel's theme/central question.
2. Type out each part of your assignment.
3. Provide a table of contents.
4. Provide a divider of some sort to separate each part (this can be done creatively).
5. Illustrate each part to reinforce your understanding of the selection.

As you read through each section of *Man's Search for Meaning*, respond thoughtfully to the following questions. For each of the four parts listed below, write 2-3 pages and incorporate direct quotes/citations from each section of the text.

### **Part One**

Consider Nietzsche's quote, "He who has a WHY to live can bear almost an HOW." How do Frankl's experiences in Part One illustrate this quote? How does Frankl find "a WHY to live" in Part One? Do you agree with, disagree with, or qualify this assertion?

### **Part Two**

How does Frankl explain the purpose of love? of suffering? Do you agree or disagree with his perspective? Explain and provide personal experiences to reinforce your argument.

### **Part Three**

What does Frankl mean by "tragic optimism" and how does he "make a case" for it as a life perspective? Do you agree or disagree with his perspective? Explain and provide personal experiences to reinforce your argument.

### **Text as a whole**

Based on your reading of this text, explain and justify your answer to the question: Are human beings, by nature, good?

### **Grading Scale**

Each part (2-3 pages) will be worth 20 points for a total of 80 points.

The illustrated cover, table of contents, section dividers, creativity, and professional presentation is worth 20 points.

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**Dear Parents of English Pre-AP and AP Students:**

As we end a school year, the English teachers at Edinburg High School would like to let you know that we have your child’s education in mind when we make decisions about summer reading assignments. In order to adequately prepare for AP English exams and to develop your child’s reading and thinking skills within a limited number of months, we require all English I Pre-AP, English II Pre-AP, English III Pre-AP/AP, English IV Honors/AP, and English V Humanities students to read assigned novels during the summer months. Students will be assessed over the summer reading through tests, essays, and class activities during the first week of school. Below, you will find a list of the classes and the **novel(s)** that need to be read prior to the first day of the 2017-2018 school year. Your child will need to acquire the necessary novel and read it during the summer. We have notified Barnes & Noble bookstores on North 10<sup>th</sup> Street in McAllen, so there should be sufficient copies if you choose to purchase them there. Please feel free to call your child’s current English teacher or counselor if you have any questions as to which novel your son/daughter should read this summer.

Please note: **Failure to read assigned novel will adversely affect your student’s grade.**

<b>English Course 2017-2018</b>	<b>Novel</b>	<b>Author</b>
<b>English I Pre-AP</b>	Anthem	Ayn Rand
<b>English II Pre-AP</b>	Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck
<b>English III Pre-AP</b>	Fences	August Wilson
<b>AP Language &amp; Composition</b>	The Things They Carried	Tim O’Brien
<b>English IV Honors</b>	1984	George Orwell
<b>AP Literature &amp; Composition</b>	1984	George Orwell
<b>Humanities</b>	A Man’s Search for Meaning	Viktor Frankl

**The summer reading writing assignments are due September 8, 2017.  
The summer reading exam will be on September 8, 2017.**

Thank you,

Edinburg High School English teachers

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## Student/ Parent (Guardian) Agreement

### STUDENT

By signing below, I guarantee that I fully understand my responsibilities for summer reading and related assignments. I also guarantee to submit my work by the first day of the second week after the school year begins.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### PARENT

By signing below, I indicate awareness and understanding of my child's responsibilities for summer reading. I also support my child's efforts to fulfill his/ her classroom expectations to submit the summer reading assignments by their due date. Because your child is too advanced academically to continue to read books within the genre of young adult fiction, the novels chosen for summer reading were written for a mature audience. These selections, sanctioned by AP College Board, represent selections deemed to be books of literary merit.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_