***Don Quixote*** by Miguel Cervantes

**Background Notes** *Literature Textbook* ***–*** Page 828 -829 (Questions 1 – 6)

1. **When** did Cervantes live? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. **Before reading** about his life – what is *your prediction* about his life based on the titles?

Soldier to Slave, Disappointment and Failure, Success and Acclaim

1. What was his life like? (**Summarize:** Soldier to Slave, Disappointment and Failure, Success and Acclaim)

Soldier to Slave

Disappointment and Failure

Success and Acclaim

1. “Build Background” – **Summarize** each section AND **make connections** to what you have learned so far in SS and/or LA class.

First Modern Novel -

A Parody of Romances -

A Quixotic Hero -

1. What year was *Don Quixote* published? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What connections to history can you make based on the publish date?

**Reading Notes** – as you read, make notes of the various techniques used to develop the main character. You will need to correctly identify the type of characterization in a quote. For words you do not know – look them up! This mini-research should help you understand the characterization deeper.

1. *Indirect Characterization (shows):* Physical description, speech, thoughts, feelings, actions. What other characters do, say, or think in response to that character.
2. *Direct Characterization (tells):* direct commentary from the narrator

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| **Quote identification** | **Analysis** |
| *Type of characterization/Quote + citation (underlined vocab words). List words + definition* | *What it tells or shows me about the character* |
| **Direct**/ “a gentlemen who always have a lance in the rack, and ancient buckler, a skinny nag, and a greyhound for chase” (830).  Lance – weapon used by knights  Buckler – small, round shield | The character looks like a knight of medieval times – shown through the connotation of “ancient buckler” even though he lives at the time the story was written. Tells the reader he is stuck in old times. |
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