

Summer Reading Assignments /English Honors 10

This summer you will read two books. One book is in our curriculum, The Joy Club. You will select **FIVE** journal assignments from the attached list and create a journal.

Journal Assignments:

1. Summarize the book in poem form with rhyme (20 lines minimum).
2. Discuss in depth the relevance of the title in five paragraphs.
3. Pretend you are interviewing a character from the book. Write your interview with question and answer format.
4. Choose your favorite passage from the book. Copy it down and discuss why you found it so appealing/
5. Create a glossary of unfamiliar words or phrases. Create a word search using this glossary.
6. Write an editorial based on a controversial issue in the book.
7. Discuss five cause and event relationships you found in the book.
8. Re-write a chapter from another character's point of view.
9. Make a CD/soundtrack for the movie with an explanation of each song choice.
10. Create a jeopardy game based on the book.
11. Create a theme list and include other books that fit into that theme category. Write an explanation for each.
12. Create a photo album with original photos based on events, characters, experiences, and themes in the book.
13. Write an advice column for three characters in the book.
14. Re-write the story and create a children's book.
15. Write your own test with a combination of multiple choice, open response, true false, matching, and essay prompt.
16. Journal as you go- As you read, keep a two sided reading journal. The left side should have quotes from the book and page numbers. The right side should have your questions, thoughts and observations, revelations etc.
17. Create a screen play for one chapter in the book.
18. Pretend you are a news reporter. Write a front page story about a conflict in the book. Report live from the scene.
19. Sketch a life-like portrait of a person in the book. Write everything you know about him or her. Include these details in your sketch.
20. Write a personal letter to a character you love or despise (3-5 paragraphs). Give your thoughts and emotions about him or her.

Tips for creating reading/writing journals:

- Record ideas as you go. Take time at the end of each reading session to record images, events, and scenes that have 'stuck' with you.
- Write down details as you recall.
- Explore what the things you remember tell you about yourself.
- Reread what you wrote on other days and develop ideas and opinions

The second book is one of your choice. You will design an ad campaign for your book and ‘pitch’ the book to the class. There should be visual aids and an oral presentation to sell the book to would be publishers or movie producers. You may be as creative as you like, but please refer to the rubric to make sure you fulfill the assignment’s requirements. You may choose to create a power point, tv commercial (1-2 minutes), top ten list, magazine/newspaper layouts, poster, bulletin board (etc etc) about your story. Oral presentation/sales pitch should be 3 minutes in length and be well-rehearsed.

Here is a list of possible titles to chose from:

Alice in Wonderland & Through the Looking Glass Carroll- Lewis Carroll	All the Pretty Horses- Cormac McCarthy	Prep-Sittinfield
Don Quixote- Miguel Cervantes	The Time Machine -H.G. Wells	Snow Falling on Cedars-Guterson
The Awakening- Kate Chopin	The Picture of Dorian Gray- Oscar Wilde	Plainsong-Scott Haruff
Heart of Darkness- Joseph Conrad	<i>The Road</i> – Carmac McCarthy	Skinwalkers- Tony Hillerman
Catch-22- Joseph Heller	The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy- Douglas Adams	Life of Pi- Yan Martel
A Farewell to Arms- Ernest Hemingway	All Quiet on the Western Front- Remarque Erich	The Color of Water- James McBride
Brave New World- Aldous Huxley	Atonement- Ian McEwan	The Secret Life of Bees- Sue Monk Kidd
A Doll's House - Henrik Ibsen	Things Fall Apart- Chinua Achebe	When I was Puerto Rican-Esmeralda Santiago
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter- Carson McCullers	Looking for Alaska by John Green	Rats Saw God-Rob Thomas
Song of Solomon - Toni Morrison	Ragtime-E.L.Doctorow	The Memory Keeper’s Daughter- Kim Edwards
Middlemarch- George Elliot	A Yellow Raft on Blue River- Michael Doris	The Poisonwood Bible- Barbara Kingsolver
The Trial- Franz Kafka	A Lesson Before Dying –Ernest J Gaines	A Time to Kill- John Grisham
All Things Great and Small-James Harriet	One Hundred Years of Solitude- Gabriel Garcia Marquez	A Tree Grows In Brooklyn-Bettie Smith
The Bell Jar -Sylvia Plath	How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents- Julia Alvarez	The Absolutely True Story of a Part Time Indian-Sherman Alexie
The Chosen-Chaim Potok	It’s Not About the Bike- Lance Armstrong	Kaffir Boy-Mark Mathabane
Frankenstein- Mary Shelley	In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle- Madeline Blais	<i>The Glass Castle</i> by Jeannette Walls
The Jungle-Upton Sinclair	The Good Earth- Pearl S. Buck	White Oleander- Janet Fitch
The Grapes of Wrath- John Steinbeck	Playing for Pizza-John Grisham	<i>Where the Heart Is</i> - Billie Letts
Treasure Island- Robert Lewis Stevenson	The Art of Racing in the Rain- Garth Stein	All Over But the Shoutin- Rick Bragg
Slaughterhouse-Five-Kurt Vonnegut		House of Sand and Fog- Andre Dumas
Freaky Eyes- Joyce Carol Oates		Old Man and the Sea-Earrest Hemmingway
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime-Haddon		
Angela’s Ashes-Frank McCourt		

