

2018 Knight High School Incoming Ninth Grade Honors Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to English 9 Honors. In order to prepare for this rigorous course, we highly recommend you read multiple novels over the summer. Your required summer assignment is to choose ONE novel and complete a character quote response chart for the novel's protagonist.

Novel Choices

Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell

Looking for Alaska by John Green

The Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

Assignment

Most literature includes dynamic characters who mirror our real selves. As characters move through their stories, they experience conflicts and engage in dramatic, often traumatic, interactions that shape their personalities.

Part A: Therefore, WHILE you read, keep track of your novel's character development. If you have purchased the book, highlight important passages that relate to the protagonist: personality, appearance, actions, interactions, etc. If you are borrowing the book, use sticky notes or notebook paper. If you have trouble identifying important passages, ask yourself: What is the character experiencing? Who did he/she just encounter? What does he/she look like? How is he/she feeling? What problem does he/she now face? Your teacher will check and grade these annotations.

Part B) When you are finished reading and annotating:

- 1) Choose and write ten important quotes from the novel that exemplify a conflict for the protagonist. Use quotation marks for the quotes and cite the author's last name and page number.
- 2) Choose and write five quotes from the novel that signify a personality or appearance change for the protagonist. Use quotation marks for the quotes and cite the author's last name and page number.
- 3) IN COMPLETE SENTENCES (2-3) , write thoughtful quote responses for each quote by answering the following:

- **Character Reaction:** How did the protagonist or another character react to the conflict or the change?
- **Plot Effect:** How did the conflict or change in the protagonist affect the plot?

The assignment must be neatly written. No typed assignments will be accepted. The actual structure is up to you, but a suggested format is on page 2.

After the Assignment

Your summer assignment is due on the first Friday of the Fall semester. This assignment is worth approximately a letter grade, and it is the core of several activities at the beginning of the semester. For example, you will use your quotes for an in-class character analysis essay, a project, and a test that assesses your knowledge of the intricacies of the novel. Resultantly, it is imperative that you complete original work promptly and thoroughly. Ensure you understand your novel; plagiarism will result in a zero.

Enjoy your summer, and have fun reading. If you have any questions, email Mrs. Aviles or Mr. Arauz at: maviles@avhsd.org or iarauz@avhsd.org over the summer.

Example of Quotes and Quote Responses

Title: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Protagonist: Liesel Meminger

Quotes for Protagonist's Conflict	Quote Response
<p>“Still in disbelief, she started to dig. He couldn't be dead. He couldn't be dead. He couldn't-” (Zusak 23).</p>	<p>Character Reaction: Liesel is traumatized with nightmares about the day her brother died; she feels guilty and angry when she realizes why he died.</p> <p>Plot Effect: As a result of her brother dying suddenly, Liesel is sent alone to a new foster home; her foster parents are upset, and she must sleep next to an empty bed.</p>

Quotes for Protagonist Change	Quote Response