

# English Summer Reading

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In order to help prepare you for English class next year, we are asking that you complete a summer reading assignment. **You will be able to choose your own novel to read (you may not choose a book that has been made into a movie).** The novel you choose must be a minimum of 200 pages and at your reading level. Below you will find detailed instructions on where to find a book and how to complete the assignment. If you have any questions, you may email any of us at the addresses above.

## **Step one: Get the book.**

- You can either purchase the book at your local bookstore, online, or you can even go to the library to find a great read.

## **Step two: Get a notebook**

- This will be used for journal writing.
- Journal entries must be done by hand.
- We can supply you with a notebook if needed. Just stop by and see any of us before you leave on summer break and we will give you one.

## **Step three: Begin reading**

- Find a cozy reading spot and begin enjoying your book
- Some great spots for reading:
  - On the beach
  - By the campfire
  - In your room with a flashlight
  - Laying on a hammock outside
- Read with an open mind and remember to stop and write down any thoughts as you read.

### Step four: Journal Writing

- You must have **five journal entries** for this book labeled as such (you may have more if needed & try to make a chapter a stopping point)
  - a. Entry 1: First section of the book (first 40-ish pages)
  - b. Entry 2: Second section of the book (next 40-ish pages)
  - c. Entry 3: Third section of the book (next 40-ish pages)
  - d. Entry 4: Fourth section of the book (next 40-ish pages)
  - e. Entry 5: Last section of the book (Last 40-ish pages)
  
- **Each entry must include the following:**
  - a. Two key, standout, or new-to-you words with definitions (a total of 10 words by the end of the book)
  - b. Figurative Language (one per entry - five total)
  - c. Create a discussion question for each entry
  - d. Create a one sentence summary of the reading for each entry
  - e. Copy a quote from the book that resonated with you and explain it. (Total of five quotes by the end of the book).
  - f. Draw/create a visual image of what you read.

### Finally: Organization

- Make sure to label and date each of the five entries.
- Make sure to label each part of the entry
  - Example:
    - **Part 1: Vocabulary**
    - **Part 2: Figurative Language**
    - **Part 3: Discussion Question**
    - **Part 4: Summary Sentence**
    - **Part 5: Quote**
    - **Part 6: Visual Image**

### Last Step: Have Fun!

We want you to make this your own. Use your creativity and imagination in completing this journal. We will be grading primarily on content, but extra points will be rewarded for those who go above and beyond in their journals.

**Due Date: First day back to school.**

**This should be completed BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.** We will be using this information to create a book review in class at the beginning of the year.