

English I Pre-AP

Summer Reading Assignment



Dear 2019-2020 WHS Freshman,

Over the summer, you will continue honing your reading skills as you critically read *The Secret Life of Bees* and a choice novel.

Novel Study: *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

- Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Secret-Life-Bees-Monk-Kidd/dp/0142001740>
- Barnes & Noble: <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/secret-life-of-bees-sue-monk-kidd/1100311171#/>
- HPB: <https://www.hpb.com/products/the-secret-life-of-bees-9780670032372>

The assignment:

1. Read through the questions in the following [Reading Chart](#) to lead you through your independent study of this novel. You will be permitted to use these notes on some of your *Secret Life of Bees* assignments during the first week of school.
2. As you critically read *The Secret Life of Bees*, you should annotate for all elements of fiction in a manner that enhances your understanding. There are many valid methods of annotation (see six [here!](#)) Think about annotation as “reading with a pencil in your hand.” Your goal is to use that pencil in hand to better understand the following elements:
 - Character—traits and motivations
 - Setting—impact on plot & character
 - Conflict—type, development, and resolution
 - Plot—all significant background information & events
 - Theme—author’s universal message
 - Point of View—1st Person, 2nd Person, 3rd Person
3. Here’s a [Vocabulary List](#) of 25 words that you may see on a vocabulary quiz.
4. Additionally, you’ll create a list of 10 of your own words and definitions (be ready to provide page numbers!) from the novel that are new to you or that are used in a fresh and interesting way that you have not seen before. Be prepared with your list of vocabulary words on the first day of school.
5. Be prepared for a reading check, vocabulary quiz, and in-class analysis of the above elements of fiction during the first weeks of school.

Independent Reading

Since it is our expectation that you will always be reading a choice novel in addition to the class novels, we expect you to read something for yourself, too! Consider some of the links below to guide you in your selection of your independent reading this summer. As is always the case with your text selections, consider your own individual interests, as well as what feels comfortable to you as you read independently, without the support of a teacher or literature circle.

You should be prepared to discuss and write about your independent reading book at the beginning of the first full week of school.

- Young Adult Fiction: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/best-fiction-young-adults>
- AP Reading Lists: <https://blog.prepscholar.com/ap-literature-reading-list>

We look forward to meeting you in the fall!

The English I PreAP Team