

Welcome to English 11 Honors! This summer you will read a book and watch a film, after which you will write a short essay that responds to this prompt:

What is the relationship between noise and silence? How is this a moral, ethical, political and/or religious question? Use specific examples from both the book and film as you address these questions.

Novel: Patrick Ness, *The Knife of Never Letting Go*:

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0763676187/ref=dbs\\_a\\_def\\_rwt\\_bibl\\_vppi\\_i1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0763676187/ref=dbs_a_def_rwt_bibl_vppi_i1)

Film: Philip Groning, *Into Great Silence*:

<https://www.amazon.com/Into-Great-Silence-Philip-Groning/dp/B0024RV3E4>

Feel free to get any form of the book by Ness—if you want to save money I encourage you to pick it up at your local library or share with a friend. But the paperback copy is cheap. The film is a bit more expensive, but if your family has Amazon Prime, it is currently streaming for free.

Bring your essay, printed out, between 400-500 words, to the first day of class.