

English 7 Honors Summer Reading Assignment

Points Possible: 100

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies,” said Jojen. “The man who never reads lives only one.”

— George R.R. Martin, *A Dance with Dragons*

Hello future honors English students!

You are receiving your summer reading assignment. On the following pages you will find your nonfiction assignment, as well as a selection of fiction books to choose from to read. You will read the assigned nonfiction selection, and then a fiction novel of your choice.

As you are reading, you may take notes on how both fiction and nonfiction authors use the development of character, setting, plot and other literary devices in order to affect audiences, and compare and contrast these uses.

You will have both a multiple choice test and a written assignment when you begin school. You will thus need to bring both books with you so you can reference them while working, as well as all notes that you have taken while reading over the course of the summer.

Above all, enjoy your time reading! If you choose a fiction novel and find it not to your liking, choose another! You can read multiple fiction novels and choose your favorite to do your assignment with as well. It's up to you!

I look forward to meeting you and seeing your choices! Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Miss Cramer

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IMPORTANT!! Test and writing assignment will take place first days of school!

Summer Reading Assignment Directions: You will read *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai, as well as a fiction novel of your choice, for a total of two books, one fiction and one nonfiction.

As you are reading, take notes on how both fiction and nonfiction authors use the development of character, setting, plot and other literary devices in order to affect audiences, and compare and contrast these uses. **These are not mandatory**, but they will help you on your writing assignment.

Nonfiction Assignment: *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai (Young Readers Edition)- Bring the book to class with you the first day of school to use for your test.

Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school.

Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on October 9, 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause: She was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school.

No one expected her to survive. Now Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner. In this Young Readers Edition of her bestselling memoir, which has been reimagined specifically for a younger audience and includes exclusive photos and material, we hear firsthand the remarkable story of a girl who knew from a young age that she wanted to change the world -- and did.

Malala's powerful story will open your eyes to another world and will make you believe in hope, truth, miracles and the possibility that one person -- one young person -- can inspire change in her community and beyond.

Fiction Assignment: Choose one fiction novel, at least 150 pages long, to read.

It can be from any fiction genre you are interested in, as long as it is AT OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL (**this is more of a content restriction than a reading level restriction. You want a book that has enough substance for you to analyze. Some high school level books are written at lower grade levels, so use your best judgement when choosing a title**). Research titles on Amazon, Goodreads.com, ask friends for their favorite titles, or look at your local library.

Bring the book to class with you the first day of school to use for your test.