

Honors English 10 Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to Honors English 10! I'm so looking forward to having you in class next year. For your summer assignment, please complete the following.

All written assignments will be due the **second** day of class, but you should be prepared for a possible quiz on the first day.

1. Please read *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. You will need to purchase a copy of this book on your own. I would recommend that you purchase a copy instead of checking it out from the library so you can have continued access to the novel for class work at the beginning of the school year. The book can be purchased on Amazon for less than \$10, or you can look for it at local bookstores. Note: If cost is a concern, please contact me at SSedgiwick@usd232.org before you leave for summer break, and I will help you get access to a book.

2. As you read identify the following literary elements for the novel:

- Protagonist
- Antagonist
- Exposition – provide a quote
- Climax – provide a quote
- Theme – provide three quotes
- Three symbols – provide quotes and explain what the symbol represents

2. As you read, please record a list of ten quotes from the novel that stand out to you as significant or important in some way. Then explain the significance/importance of the quote in 2-3 sentences.

You should include an in-text citation at the end of the quote with the author and page number.

- Example: “Gatsby believed in the green light, the orgastic future that year by year recedes before us. It eluded us then, but that's no matter--tomorrow we will run faster, stretch out our arms farther.... And one fine morning-- So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past” (Fitzgerald 185).
This quote is important because it refers to one of the most important symbols in the book: the green light and the message of hope that light carried for Gatsby. It also shows that Gatsby is a man who will be hopeful no matter what, always looking to a future that will be better than the past, even though the narrator knows that this is in fact impossible. Gatsby is the most hopeful character in the novel.

Note: this assignment may be typed or handwritten, but it must be your original work. Do NOT turn in an assignment that is identical to someone else's – you will receive a zero if you copy or share work. Your list of ten quotes should not match anyone else's, nor should the analysis. This work should be completed totally independently.

Note: You need to be prepared for a quiz and/or test over these materials, as well as in-class discussions and a writing assignment). SparkNotes or the *Life of Pi* movie aren't going to cut it – if you're not willing to do a summer assignment, you should not take honors English.

If you have any questions or concerns over the summer, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at SSedgiwick@usd232.org. I will check my email periodically throughout the summer and will get back to you within a couple of weeks at most. Have a wonderful summer, and good luck! 😊