

Concord High School
AP Seminar Summer Reading 2024-2025

The summer reading for AP Seminar will be part of our first unit on War and Human Nature. Students will begin to look at how writers develop arguments.

<p>AP Seminar Choose one, read, and complete quote analysis. This will be part of our first unit. The quote analysis will be due the second week of school.</p>	<p>Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston Devil at My Heels by Louis Zamperini All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Remarque A Separate Peace by John Knowles The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak <small>Mrs. McRae has copies of <i>Farewell to Manzanar</i>, <i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>, <i>The Book Thief</i>, and <i>A Separate Peace</i> Concord Library has <i>Devil at My Heels</i></small></p>
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As students read, they should complete the quote analysis assignment looking for arguments about war or human nature that the writer may be making. Some possible arguments (**dependent on the book**) may be on the subjects of

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jealousy ● War ● Sacrifice ● Generations ● Exclusion ● Perseverance ● Resilience ● Hidden personalities (what lies beneath) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family ● Duty ● Honor ● Loss ● Trauma ● Dehumanization ● Resistance ● Rebellion ● Propaganda |
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Quote Analysis Assignment

Directions: You may do this assignment on paper or on a Google Doc. As you read, find quotes in each section that seem meaningful to an argument the writer might be making. Your goal is **at least fifteen quotes**. If the book is divided into thirds, that is an average five per section, but that is just a guideline. Please, work alone on these (without friends or the Internet). **We will be working on these books section by section the first week of school. It is possible though not advisable for you to read and do this in the fall because we will go through these books quickly.** Examples have been done for you from *All Quiet on the Western Front* and from *Devil at My Heels* **You might not know the arguments when you pick out a quote, but it could still be something interesting that might have significance**

later. Please, note there are no right and wrong answers. It is more about support. Do NOT copy this assignment from someone else or the Internet. In fact, do not work on it with others--other than to discuss what an interesting book you get to read. In addition to the quote analysis assignment, there will be section quizzes and a short test on the book.

Some books are available for check out. Mrs. McRae has copies of *Farewell to Manzanar*, *A Separate Peace*, *The Book Thief*, and *All Quiet on the Western Front*. The library has copies of *Devil at My Heels*.

	Lit Circle 1	Lit Circle 2	Lit Circle 3
<i>A Separate Peace</i>	Chapters 1-4	5-9	10-End
<i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>	Chapters 1-5	6-8	9-End
<i>Farewell to Manzanar</i>	Part I	Part II	Part III
<i>Devil at my Heels</i>	Chapters 1-5	6-11	12-End
<i>The Book Thief</i>	Prologue-Part 3 (through "The Struggler, Concluded")	Part 4-Part 7 (through "The Idiot and the Coat Men")	Part 8-Epilogue

Quote Analysis Examples
(Do 15--Make sure they cover the book)

Speaker	Quote (page number)	Meaning / Argument
Paul (narrator)	"We all three have the same thought; even if he should get better, he would be able to use only one [boot]" (16).	War has completely changed their mindset. Their friend is dying, and they should be grieving, but they have to focus on the practical--his boots.
Louis (narrator)	When Louis comes home and complains that the principal beat him for smoking, he says, "My dad very casually laid me over his knee, pulled down my pants, and spanked me on the same purple spot. I deserved it. I didn't cry, though" (7).	In the beginning of the book, Louis does a lot to show how different times were when he was growing up--including his own toughness and the discipline in his family.