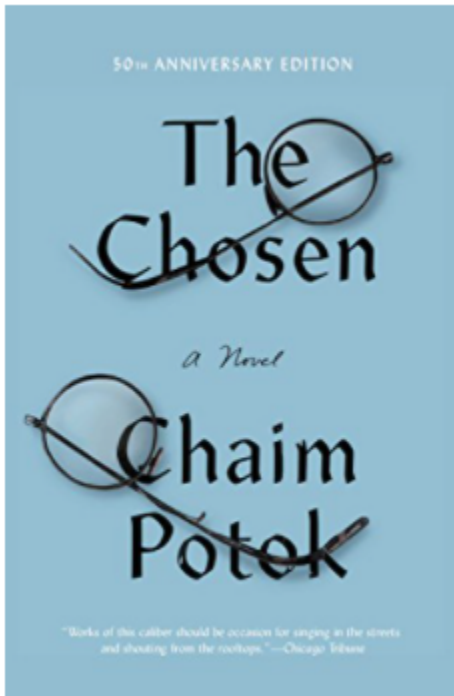


## Advanced Academics Summer Reading 2021

All incoming Pre-Advanced English 2 students must read

*The Chosen* by Chaim Potok.

*Due: August 23, 2021*



*The Chosen* is Chaim Potok's first novel, published in 1967. It is the story of Reuven Malter, a practicing Jew, whose father is a teacher, writer, and later, political activist. Reuven and his father live in New York City, where the networks and neighborhoods of Jews are many and varied. The novel opens with a fateful baseball game in which Reuven is injured by a wild ball hit by Danny Saunders, the son of an Hasidic rabbi. Reuven ends up in the hospital, and Danny comes to visit him and the two become fast friends. What ensues is really as much Danny's story as it is Reuven's. Danny is to inherit his father's position as rabbi to the Hasidic community in which he lives, but Danny's brilliant mind is entranced by psychology, not Talmudic studies. Oh, he shines at Talmudic arguments, but his real passion is something forbidden by his father. Reuven becomes Danny's sounding board and his portal (if only intellectual) into a more liberal sect of Judaism. The story is set during World War II and its aftermath, so the political and emotional ramifications of the Holocaust on the dispersed Jews play an important role in the story.

Book review provided by Hope is the Word, June 10, 2009

Link: <https://hopeisthewordblog.com/2009/06/10/book-review-the-chosen-by-chaim-potok/>

**Format:** All written entries must be typed, and in MLA-Format (see example below)

**-SECTION 1-**

- Point of View Question
  - From what point of view is the book told?
    - i. Provide a quote from the beginning, middle and end to support your answer.
    - ii. Make sure you include the quote and page number.
  - How is that perspective biased? (Provide three examples with text evidence - quote and page number)
  
- Setting
  - Find five examples of setting within the text.
  - Make sure you write the quote and page number for each example.
  - Explain how the quote is an effective example of the setting and explain how the setting contributes to the mood and tone of the novel at different parts of the plot.
  
- Plot
  - Find two examples for each part of the plot (see Frayer Model).
  - Make sure you write the quote and page number for each example.
  - Explain the conflict driving the plot.
  - You must identify and explain the type of plot (linear, non-linear) using text evidence and explain why the author chose to tell the story this way.
  
- Diction
  - What type of diction is used throughout the book?
  - Is it effective in propelling the author's purpose?
  - Provide three examples (quote and page number) to support your answer.

**-SECTION 2-**

Directions: Pick **two** of the following below. Give an ANALYTICAL response to the question presented. Your response should be a half page (250 words) for each question you chose. You cannot use any first or second person pronouns or contractions.

- Analyze a significant object
  - Choose an object - not a person - from the novel that seems especially resonant or important to the story. Provide two quotes with page numbers to support your answer.
- Discuss the context
  - Research the key historical events of the social/political/cultural setting for the novel, as well as key biographical events of the author. How might the historical/social/cultural events affect your interpretation of the story? Did the author intend for the story to carry a specific message for the people of the time? Provide two quotes with page numbers to support your answer.
- Identify and explain the author's purpose
  - All authors have a specific purpose and message for their text. How does the author develop and support his purpose for the novel? Explain your answer fully. Make sure to include each quote and page number.

**\*\*You will need to include a screenshot of your word count under your half-page analysis.**

**-SECTION 1-**

Your First and Last Name

English Teacher's Name

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Summer Reading Project: *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok

1. Point of View

- Beginning:
- Middle:
- End:
- Explanation
- Bias:
- Quote 1:
- Quote 2:
- Quote 3:
- Explanation:

2. Setting:

- Example 1:
- Explanation:
- Example 2:
- Explanation:
- Example 3:
- Explanation:
- Example 4:
- Explanation:
- Example 5:
- Explanation:

3. Plot:

- Quote 1:
- Explanation:
- Quote 2:
- Explanation:
- Quote 3:
- Explanation:
- Quote 4:
- Explanation:
- Quote 5:
- Explanation:

4. Diction

- Type of Diction:
- Example 1:
- Example 2:
- Example 3:
- Explanation:

**-SECTION2-**

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Response 1: Add Original Title Here

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Response 2: Add Original Title Here