

Fayetteville High School

Incoming Freshmen Summer Reading Project

Honors English I

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – Margaret Fuller

Due on the first full day of classes

- **Book Selection Guidelines:**

- **Students may choose any book that meets the following criteria:**
- Must be a **fiction or nonfiction book** appropriate for high school-level reading.
- Must be at least **200 pages** in length.
- Should have **literary or educational value** (no graphic novels, short story collections, or books primarily based on movies or video games).
- The book must be **new to you**—no re-reading books you've already studied in school.
- If unsure about a book choice, get approval from the teacher.
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Assignment

This assignment is intended to teach you to become a more analytical reader.

What is it? A one-pager is a one-page reaction to your reading that links the ideas in the book you read to your thoughts. The one-pager aims to demonstrate your understanding of the major plot points, themes, and connections within your independent reading book.

Directions and what to include in your one-pager (use this as a checklist):

- ☐ Include the title of the book and the author somewhere on the page.
 - ☐ It can be big and creative.
- ☐ Write a brief summary of the book and include any significant plot points.
 - ☐ This needs to be at least **three** sentences long.
- ☐ Draw or create at least **five** images representing themes, characters, conflict, or the book's setting.
 - ☐ These should be firmly connected to the book and should stand out.
 - ☐ Ensure each image has the theme, character, conflict, etc., written next to it.
- ☐ Include a timeline of events according to the plot.
 - ☐ At least three plot points.

- ☐ Include a sentence describing the event and the page number.
- ☐ Make sure your events are in order.
- ☐ Write three responses or connections about what you've read
 - ☐ Example: "I couldn't understand why Gatsby wanted to be with Daisy despite her being married to such a horrible person like Tom. This would have raised a red flag for me because a popular phrase says, 'You are who you surround yourself with,' and Daisy chose to be with Tom. So, this indicates that she's not a great person."
- ☐ Find **three** examples of figurative language (simile, metaphor, hyperbole, alliteration, etc.) and label them along with the page number.
- ☐ Include two quotes from the book that were your favorite.
 - ☐ Include page numbers and a quick blurb on why you like the quote/why it resonated with you.
 - ☐ Example: "Dishonesty in women is a thing you never blame deeply—I was casually sorry, and then I forgot (Pg.58). I like this quote because it reflects Nick more than Jordan. It speaks volumes about his own distrust of women."
- ☐ Write a 5-7 sentence letter to the author expressing your thoughts on the book. Be a critic.
- ☐ Be colorful and neat.
 - ☐ Your entire page should be filled with these elements.
 - ☐ Repeat any of the above steps/ elements if you have extra room.
 - ☐ No space should be blank.
 - ☐ Nothing should be left in pencil.
 - ☐ Your name should be on the **back** of the one-pager.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at childersm@fcsboe.org. Do not wait until the end of the summer to begin your work. Calculate the number of pages you must read each week or day, and read appropriately.

Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Mrs. Childers

