

Honors English 10

Summer Reading Assignment

Students must read *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. You will need to purchase a copy of this book on your own. It is recommended that students 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 approximately \$10, or you can look for it at local bookstores. Note: If cost is a concern, please contact Ms. Sedgwick (SSedgwick@usd232.org) before summer break. She can help you access the book if needed.

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. This work should be completed totally independently.

As you read the novel, explain the following literary elements in the text:

- Protagonist
- Antagonist
- Exposition
- Climax
- Various Types of Conflict

You should also select word-for-word evidence that helps you understand or explain the following. It is recommended that you locate 2-3 quotes for each. Include an in-text citation at the end of each quote with the author and page number.

- Symbolism
- Characterization
- Setting
- Religion or Faith
- Loneliness
- Survival
- Theme – write a theme statement and provide supportive evidence

Work during the first few days of class will connect to *Life of Pi*. This summer assignment is a vital step in helping you be prepared for a test, in-class written responses, as well as a Socratic seminar-style discussion.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Ms. Sedgwick (SSedgwick@usd232.org). Please understand that you may not receive a response for a couple weeks.