

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

English 10 Honors Summer Homework 2026

Welcome to Honors English! Honors English 10 Summer assignment: You are to read *All the Light We Cannot See* during the summer and come to class on the first day of school prepared to discuss the novel. Although you do NOT have a specific assignment over the summer, it is HIGHLY recommended that you take notes while you are reading.

There will be other assessments based on this novel during the first weeks of school (test/in-class essay) so you will want to make sure that you take notes to study while you read. If you read the book early in the summer, you may want to review it before the first week of school. This book is available to pick up at the THS bookroom before the end of the school year, BEFORE finals week! If you do not pick it up before school ends, you must purchase it online, borrow it from the Stanislaus County Library, or find it for free through various online sources. If you have questions, you can contact Mrs. Lonergan at nlonergan@turlock.k12.ca.us or Mrs. Fitzgerald at kfitzgerald@turlock.k12.ca.us.

To prepare for your assessments, in the first week of school, consider taking notes on the following:

- Characters: for important characters, look for physical descriptions, personality traits, what other characters say and feel about them, and the actions of the character.
 - ◆ This novel is told from the perspective of two different characters. You will want to track and take notes on both of these characters and their journeys, as well as the characters they interact with.
- Places: where are the events of the book taking place? Some examples might be cities, countries, buildings, or settings (country vs. city).
 - ◆ This novel is set in multiple cities throughout World War II. You will want to make note of which events happen where and when.
- Timeline: This novel has a series of flashforwards and flashbacks and is told in different timelines. Identify which key events happen when and the impact or significance of the events.
- Themes: identify quotes, characters, and events that relate to a given theme and be able to identify and explain HOW it relates to the theme.
- Symbols: identify symbols in the text and what they represent.

- ➔ Important Plot Points: track important events that happen in the story (consider cause and effect relationships to these plot points).
- ➔ Questions you have while reading: these can be comprehension questions you have about what is literally happening in the text, or analysis questions about the work as a whole.
- ➔ Analysis questions might be about: the characters and their significance, what themes mean, or how they apply to our own world, the meaning behind symbols, etc.