

English 10 Honors Summer Reading



Welcome to English 10 Honors! In preparation for the first week of school, you will be required to read **one** book from the list below and complete a **written log**. If you read your book choice thoroughly and take detailed notes using the guidelines, you will be taking an important step toward preparing for the exciting challenges in the course. Having your own copy of the book will give you more freedom in annotating the text; however, if you decide not to purchase the book, you should be able to find a copy of the book at your local public library. ***Relying on internet resources in lieu of reading the text is strongly discouraged (and will make a poor first impression).***

Book List

We Are Not Like Them

by Christina Pride and Jo Piazza

My Losing Season

by Pat Conroy

The Distance Between Us: A Memoir

by Reyna Grande

Instructions for the Written Log

- Your written log should be typed and double-spaced, using Times New Roman font, size 12 (or something similar).
- Include the following in your heading: your name, English 10H, Summer Reading Log, September 2023
- Identify **three** significant quotes from the book. Select quotations that go beyond simply summarizing the plot. Select quotes that are essential to the development of a specific theme, character, conflict, symbol, or some other aspect of the book.
- Choose one quote from the beginning, one quote from the middle, and one quote from the end.

For each of the **three** quotes complete the following information and **use the list format below**:

1. Write out the quoted text using quotation marks.
 - a. Identify the page on which the quote can be found.

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- b. Summarize the context of the quote. If the quote reveals words someone said, identify the speaker and explain the context of the statement. If the quote is a descriptive passage, explain what was going on in the story at the time. Who or what was being described? This response should be about a paragraph in length (six to ten sentences).
- c. In approximately one paragraph (six to ten sentences) explain why the quote is significant **to the story as a whole**. Do not simply repeat what was said in the previous response.

Not handing in original work will be a HUGE stumbling block in English 10 Honors. Although social media and technology provide wonderful opportunities for collaboration, this assignment is not one of those opportunities. The summer reading is intended, in part, to measure how prepared you are to read and analyze a specific text. **You are expected to hand in original work that reflects your effort and ability.**

Avoid the following common errors:

1. handing in rough drafts instead of your final polished work
2. **relying heavily on internet resources to complete the assignment**
3. not using the assigned format
4. using quotes that are redundant
5. using quotes from only one section of the book or quotes that don't demonstrate your understanding of the **entire book**
6. paraphrasing and/or summarizing quotes instead of analyzing and discussing why the quote is significant

Your typed log will be submitted during the second week of school. Assignments that are not turned in by the due date will receive a zero. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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