



**English 9/10**  
**Summer Reading Assignment 2019-2020**

Over the summer, students are required to read *two* books. They must **read one work from the following list** and complete a reading journal (described below) which will be due on the first day of school. The other title can be from this list or one of their choosing. Please be ready to provide the title, author, and number of pages to the teacher on the first day of school.

Alcott, Louisa May - Little Women

Austen, Jane - Pride and Prejudice

Doyle, Arthur Conan - The Hound of the Baskervilles

Zusak, Marcus - The Book Thief

Yousafzai, Malala - I Am Malala

I understand you had this same list last year. Therefore, you may choose a book **not** listed above. Find something that interests you. You can type a one-page summary of your book. It should cover theme, characterization, conflict/plot, and your thoughts about the book. Include a person you know to whom you would recommend this book.

Format is:

12 font Times New Roman double spaced in a google doc.

Your name

Book title

Author

Number of Pages

Summary 1-2 pages

The reading journal will be informal in style, with the purpose of ACTIVE READING and writing to learn and understand. Active Reading is achieved through a process of interpretation and reflection. Rather than plot summary, your reading journal should ask questions, share opinions, and discuss literary techniques like characterization, mood, and theme. Reading

journals allow readers to construct meaning from the text, to personalize what they read, and to write down the insights gained from the reading. You should question, make personal connections, make predictions, and analyze the novel in your journal, but do not simply summarize the plot.

**Format:**

Your journal entries will be typed (12 point Times New Roman font, double spaced, 1 inch margins) in a Google doc. There is no set requirement for length of each individual entry (some reading sessions may be very short and therefore result in only a few sentences of reflection, while others may be very long and result in several paragraphs) but the completed journal should cover the entire scope of the book and should be a minimum of three full pages in total. This will be for a grade and is due the first day we return to school.

Each individual entry must be labeled as follows: Date of entry, Page numbers covered by the entry. ***\*See next page for example.***

**For example:**

**Book title**

Author

*July 6, Pages 1-15*

*My first impression of the novel is....*

*July 8, Pages 16-25*

*I wonder why the narrator is never given a specific name? Could that be symbolic in some way? Maybe the author wants the reader to...*