

English 10 L3 Summer Reading Assignment 2018

Novels:

A Separate Peace, by John Knowles

Reconstructing Amelia, by Kimberly McCreight.

All ninth grade students entering English 10 L3 are asked to read both books listed above and to complete the prompts below for the first day of class.

Students will have the opportunity to obtain texts from their English teachers before the last day of school in June. Books will also be available in the main office during summer hours, or students can borrow or purchase the books if you like.

Directions: After reading, complete a half page (300 word) response to each prompt below. Handwrite all responses. Include at the top of the page your name, the date and the assignment title (above). Staple to this page.

Response 1: Analyze the social and historical environments in each of the books.

- A. Use evidence (one passage for each book) to show a progression of how each novel's environment may have influenced the main characters to do what they do. (One half-page response: Half a page written is approximately 300 words).
- B. Analyze each of the passages you have chosen in terms of how the specific words or phrases that describe/assign meaning to the historical/social context of the book. Consider how group values, political messages, and social codes are specifically described. (Half-page response)

Response 2:

- A. Write a psychological profile of two of the main characters in each book. Consider behaviors, actions, and motivations in your profile. Use three passages from each book, to establish responsible claims regarding character personalities and choices. (Half-page response)
- B. Analyze two of the passages you have chosen in terms of how the writers use specific words or phrases to describe/assign meaning to the psychologies of the main characters. (Half-page response)

Response 3:

- A. Write about the role of innocence in each book. How are characters' innocence corrupted, lost, and or reconciled? Document and analyze key passages, three from each book, related to the process both of losing innocence and of healing from that loss. (Half-page response)
- B. Analyze two of the passages you have chosen in terms of how the writers use specific words or phrases to describe/assign meaning to the theme of lost innocence in each book. Consider how innocence is specifically described/presented. (Half-page response)