

Honors 10th Grade Literature 2017-2018
Summer Reading Assignment

You will need to **complete two tasks** over the summer:

1. First, purchase, read, and annotate **ONE** of the following books:
 - a. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
 - b. *Feed* by M.T. Anderson
 - c. *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
 - d. *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

2. **Complete a double-entry journal for the book you read** (this will be easy if you annotate as you read).
 - a. Type the journal; you will upload it into Engrade during the first week of class. In addition to the annotations and double-entry journal, you will write an essay over your book during the first week of school.

Instructions for double-entry journal entry:

As you read the book, annotate it—this will aid in creating the double-entry journal. The journal must contain **twenty entries, typed, and presented in MLA format.**

Divide the paper into two columns (I suggest creating tables on Microsoft Word). In the left column, write the text (quote) from your book that you find significant, interesting, controversial, etc. **Cite the page number in parentheses.** In the right column, write your response to the passage. Your entry should be your **commentary or analysis**: why you think the passage is significant, your reaction to the passage, reflections, etc. Essentially, you are providing me with evidence that you **THOUGHT** about what you read. **All responses** must be written in thorough, complete sentences.

This example is from Yann Martel’s *Life of Pi*. Your journal should look like this, with the same level of thought and interaction with the text. Your journal **must have twenty total entries and cover the entire book (10 from the first half of the book and 10 from the second half).**

Text	Response
My greatest wish - other than salvation - was to have a book. A long book with a never-ending story. One I could read again and again, with new eyes and a fresh understanding each time” (262).	Everyone wants to learn, and stretch his or her mind. Sure I hate school and dread getting out of bed before the sun rises, but I enjoy learning. I long to find out something new; experience something I never have before. Pi longs to learn. He longs to occupy himself with knowledge as he states, “with my new eyes and a fine understanding each time.” I try to understand the thoughts and feelings other people have. I want to learn something new every time I read a book. Pi wants one book that will give him increased knowledge every time he reads it. Wouldn’t that be nice to read?
“Very few castaways can claim to have survived so long at sea as Mr. Patel and none in the company of an adult Bengal tiger” (400).	This quote is significant because it brings a powerful image to my mind. One of the very events Mr. Okamoto, through all his earlier doubts, doesn’t seem to believe: Pi’s story. However, he shows in this quote his belief in the story of Piscine Patel. This quote presents a symbol to the reader. It almost gives a chance for the reader to disagree with whether Pi’s story is fact or fiction. This event relates secularly to the saying “seeing is not believing, believing is seeing.”

*****Please avoid the temptation to copy commentary from a peer or source on the internet. Engrade will check for plagiarism, and you will receive a zero for the assignment. If fear of a poor grade tempts you to plagiarize, remember that I simply want to see significant effort and evidence of critical thinking—not a single correct answer*****

Email your teacher if you have any questions.