

AP English Literature and Composition Summer Reading Assignments

AP English Lit. and Comp. students will read **both** *Life of Pi* and *Jane Eyre* and complete the assignment that corresponds to each.

Life of Pi- Yann Martel

The son of a zookeeper, Pi Patel has an encyclopedic knowledge of animal behavior and a fervent love of stories. When Pi is sixteen, his family emigrates from India to North America aboard a Japanese cargo ship, along with their zoo animals bound for new homes. The ship sinks. Pi finds himself alone in a lifeboat, his only companions a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra, and Richard Parker, a 450-pound Bengal tiger.

Character Autopsy

For this task, you will create a visual that both **artistically and symbolically represents an autopsy of the protagonist** from your summer reading novel.

1. You can use a **digital/online design method** or you can create a **physical one** (draw, paint, collage, etc).
2. For each body part's illustration, you will **provide a corresponding quote and explanation**. For example, for the 'heart' of a hard-hearted or stubborn character, you may draw a heart made out of "stone" and provide a quote that illustrates his/her stubborn nature.

Body Parts:

- The heart should represent **what this character loves most**. Decide what it should look like (whole, broken, "hardened," etc.). Write a quote next to it from the text and explain why it is drawn that way or why he loves this person/thing/idea.
- The backbone should convey **what motivates the character most**. Think about ways to show why your character does what he or she does. Write a quote next to it from the text and explain why it shows what motivates him.
- The head represents **his dreams, philosophy or vision**. Support this with a quote(s) from the text.
- The mouth represents the **character's point of view**. It could be the characters use of irony, understatement, satire, or sarcasm. Support this with a quote(s) from the text.
- The hands should be holding **literal (real) or figurative (symbolic) items associated with the character**.
- The hands should indicate **the type of conflict with which the character must deal**. Please support with a quote and explanation from the text.
- The legs represent **the actions of the character in the text**. You may paraphrase here, but cite the page number(s) from the text.
- The feet should be a **symbolic representation of the character's most fundamental beliefs about life**. Explain what is most important to them based on a quote(s) and why.
- The background should include elements that **suggest the novel's theme or central idea**.

***Jane Eyre* - Charlotte Brontë**

A novel of intense power and intrigue, *Jane Eyre* has dazzled generations of readers with its depiction of a woman's quest for freedom. Having grown up an orphan in the home of her cruel aunt and at a harsh charity school, Jane Eyre becomes an independent and spirited survivor-qualities that serve her well as governess at Thornfield Hall. But when she finds love with her sardonic employer, Rochester, the discovery of his terrible secret forces her to make a choice. Should she stay with him whatever the consequences or follow her convictions, even if it means leaving her beloved?

***Jane Eyre* Assignment** (to turn in no later than the first Friday of the semester.)

Infographic

For this assignment, you may use an infographic template (like easl.ly or piktochart) create a diagram, timeline, or other graphic based on your chosen text. You may also create a hand-drawn version if you prefer.

1. For this infographic, you will **chart one of the following**:
 - a. how a favorite character changes throughout the story
 - b. how major events contribute to the theme of the novel
 - c. how the author structures the text to create mystery, tension, or surprise.
2. You must have **at least 7 different points/elements included in your infographic.**
3. Each element should correspond to a quote from the novel (include page number).
4. The **seven quotes** must be included in one of two places (you choose one):
 - a. included in the infographic
 - b. listed on a separate document/file that links each to their correlating element on the infographic
 - c. both (you may include some quotes on the infographic and list the rest separately, as long as you submit all seven quotes)