

English I Pre-AP

Summer Reading Assignment 2017-2018

Novel: *October Sky* by Homer Hickam

**Students are expected to obtain a copy of the book for the summer project. A physical book is required for the project. See project requirements below.*

Assignment: Read *October Sky* and complete the Dialectical Journal (instructions are below). Projects are due on the first Friday of school, August 25th, 2017. All projects turned in after the 25th will be considered late; points will be deducted for each day late. There will also be a paper test over the novel on August 25th, 2017.

Dialectical Journal: Your project may be typed or hand-written. You may decorate your project, if you wish, but must be clean and professional. Your journal must have at least 13 entries, one for every two chapters of the book. There are 26 chapters, so you will have 13 entries total.

Each entry must contain:

- A definition for a word that you didn't understand.
- A quote from the chapter(s) which you can *personally* connect with. Provide a brief explanation for why this quote is meaningful to you. You should have at least three sentences for this section.
- A quote from the chapter(s) that sparks *meaningful* questions about the plot, characters, or theme. You should have at least two sentences for this section.
- A quote from the chapter(s) that illustrates the author's writing style. You should be able to identify the figurative language (metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, symbolism, alliteration, onomatopoeia, imagery, allusion, oxymoron, cliché, mood, and tone) that the author uses. You should have at least eight different types of figurative language throughout your Journal. You may identify them in any order. Furthermore, provide a brief explanation for why this figurative language is meaningful for the scene/character. You should have at least three sentences for this section.

Cover Picture: Your Journal should have a cover picture. Your picture must reflect the mood of the story, and include rockets in your design. For your picture, you may use any medium you wish, but it must be an original design. (Some suggestions are drawings, paintings, sketches, collages, photography, Photoshop, etc.) You may not print out a picture; you'll have to put some effort into it. 😊

This project will be entered as a test grade. Tests count for 60% of your six weeks grade average. I encourage you to enjoy the book, and take this project seriously. Although the project is due on Friday, we will be working with/referencing the book for the first several weeks of class. Be prepared to hit the ground running!

(PS: Any projects submitted on the first day of school may receive extra credit!)