

# Ninth Grade Honors Summer Assignment

Congrats! You are in honors English next year. The purpose of this summer assignment is to help you continue to develop strong reading and interpretive abilities.

For this assignment you will need to read one of the books listed on the back of this paper. As you read the book you will need to keep a reading response journal. The journal should have two columns.

In the first column you should copy a passage with a page number reference. In the second column you should:

- ask a question
- make an inference
- make a connection
- make a prediction
- do an analysis
- or make a specific comment

Please do NOT:

- summarize
- retell
- or make a general comment

You need to write enough entries so that I know you have read and engaged with the entire book. One entry about every five pages is a good guide. This does not mean you have to stop every five pages exactly, but you should stop and make a journal entry frequently as you read. Your journal can be kept in a spiral notebook, in a binder, or typed on a computer.

Example reading response journal entry:

Passage	Question, Comment, Prediction, Analysis or Comment
<i>"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view . . . until you climb into his skin and walk around in it." pg. 53</i>	<i>The simple wisdom of Atticus's words reflects the uncomplicated manner in which he guides himself by this simple principle. His ability to relate to his children is manifested in his restatement of this principle in terms that Scout can understand ("climb into his skin and walk around in it").</i>

**★Your reading response journal is due on the first day of school.★**

Please email Ms. Neeley (rachel.neeley@nebo.edu) if you have any questions.

*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

*Anne of Green Gables* by L.M.

Montgomery

*The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*

by Ernest J. Gaines

*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John

Boyne

*Dune* by Frank Herbert

*Emma* by Jane Austen

*Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne

Houston and James D. Houston

*The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom

*The House on Mango Street* by Sandra

Cisneros

*The Hunchback of Notre Dame* by Victor

Hugo

*I Am the Cheese* by Robert Cormier

*The Invisible Man* by H.G. Wells

*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

*Mistborn* by Brandon Sanderson

*My Antonia* by Willa Cather

*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson

Burnett

*The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk

*Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis

Stevenson

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

*Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher

Stowe

*Watership Down* by Richard Adams

*The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum

*Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

*The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green