

NINTH GRADE HONORS SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Congratulations! 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—that should equal around 30 journal entries. 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
“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	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”).

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

Please email Ms. Dunn (jennifer.dunn@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

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

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred
D. Taylor

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 Book Thief by Markus Zusak

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien