



SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

As a requirement for your next year curriculum, you are required to complete the reading and analysis of the following novel:

For students enrolled in the 2019-2020	10 th grade:	<i>THE BOOK THIEF</i> by Markus Zusak
For students enrolled in the 2019-2020	11 th grade:	<i>THE GLASS CASTLE</i> by Jeannette Walls
For students enrolled in the 2019-2020	12 th grade:	<i>THE ALCHEMIST</i> by Paulo Coelho

REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete the reading of the book before the first day of school, August 20th.
- As you read, choose the most significant quotations that show character development, illuminate a conflict, identify setting, or contribute to plot. Begin your entries midway through the book, once you have a good understanding of most characters and their interactions.
- Copy down the quotations into a college-ruled notebook; center the quotes on the page so that there is enough room for annotations (see model attached). You can also (type and) print out the quotations and paste them to the page, **but please do not type your responses to the quotes – those need to be handwritten;**
- The quotations can be between 5 to 10 lines each; leave enough space between quotes for responses;
- Number each entry and each quotation; for full credit, you need to have completed 3 entries of 5 quotes each (a total of 15 annotated quotations)

The entries need to be selected from the following sections of the novel:

For **The Book Thief** (Grade 10)

- Entry 1: Parts 3-5
- Entry 2: Parts 6-8
- Entry 3: Parts 9-10

For **The Glass Castle**(Grade 11)

- Entry 1: Parts I and II
- Entry 2: Part III
- Entry 3: Part IV

For **The Alchemist** (Grade 12)

The book is divided into Part I and Part II only. Choose quotations from any part of the book that you find significant

Your annotations should be completed with insight, accuracy, and critical thought. Your comments need to prove sophistication of thought, proper engagement with the text, and an evident understanding of its meanings.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Some teachers use the reading book as the basis for all assignments during your first 2 weeks of school. Failing to read the book may put you back in your grade severely. Read the book!

On the first day of school, you will be asked to write an in-class, 45 minute essay on the novel you have read. You will be allowed to use your notebooks, so make sure your responses to the quotations you chose are relevant to the meanings of the text and can be used to support your analysis. Your essay will be graded on a rubric you will receive with the prompt; your score will be added to your English grade.

Note: The summer assignment is also available on our school website. Check it out for details!

If you are enrolled in AP classes and were assigned a different book to read, you do not need to complete this assignment!

Summer Assignment Due Date: **August 20, 2019** (the first day of school)