

9th, 10th, 11th Grade Honors English & 12th Grade AP English
Summer Reading Assignment – Mrs. Hughes

Step One: I want you to read a book of your choosing, something you really think you'd enjoy. I can come up with recommendations for you if you need help, but I do want each student to email me their choice so that I can ensure it is appropriate for your age level (i.e. - no Magic Tree House - sorry guys).

Step Two: Keep a reading journal while you read. You can decorate these however you wish. The minimum requirement is that you write 6 REACTION journals (see below for more details) as you read, however, think of the reading journal as your own space to reflect on what you've read. If there are quotes or scenes that are important or moving to you, draw them, decorate them on a page, and reflect on what it means to you, the author, the characters, etc. I want at least three pages like this as well as the 6 reaction journals.

*Reaction Journal: A reaction journal is NOT a summary of what you've read, but instead you should be recording how you feel, what the book makes you think about, how it relates to the world / you. These are your REFLECTIONS. You should do these as you read rather than waiting until the very end of the book. Let me know if you have questions.

Step Three: Write a 1-2-page book review about your book. A book review is not simply a summary of your book, although a *brief* summary at the beginning is fine to give the reader context. After, a book review offers your own commentary on the book, critically assessing it as a reader. Most reviews discuss and analyze the purpose of the book and whether or not that purpose was successfully executed and brought across to readers. This involves your reactions to the book, examples that build your analysis of the book and how you believe it was or was not a worthy read / how it handles issues of importance. If you have more questions on book reviews, please contact me or look up "how to's" online.

Step Four: ENJOY SUMMER BREAK. Live. Do fun things. Make memories. :)