

## Summer Reading Assignment

### Honors English 10 2015-2016

1. Choose **ONE** of the novel selections by either purchasing the printed novel or borrowing it from a local library. You may also choose to download an electronic version of the novel.

*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury     **OR**     *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

2. Keep a double entry journal as you read the novel. Your double entry journal will be a conversation on the page. On the left you will write important quotations from the novel; on the right you will write why the quote is significant in the context of the story. A complete entry includes: page number, quotation, and a two-three sentence analysis referenced to a theme from the novel. Your quotes should be kept in order of their appearance in the novel.
3. Your double entry journal must be typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font. Be sure to save the assignment in your school Google account or on a flash drive since you may be required to submit to *Turnitin.com* when your teacher gives you the directions on how to do this.
4. For *Fahrenheit 451*, you will have a total of 20 entries in your journal:

Entries 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7: Section 1: The Hearth and the Salamander

Entries 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14: Section 2: The Sieve and the Sand

Entries 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20: Section 3: Burning Bright

For *Things Fall Apart*, you will have a total of 20 entries in your journal:

Entries 1, 2, and 3: Chapters 1 – 4

Entries 10, 11, and 12: Chapters 5 – 8

Entries 4, 5, and 6: Chapters 9 – 12

Entries 13, 14, 15, and 16: Chapters 13 – 16

Entries 7, 8, and 9: Chapters 17 – 20

Entries 17, 18, 19, and 20 Chapters 21 - 25

The double entry journal is based on the following themes:

#### ***Fahrenheit 451***

- Censorship
- Mass Media
- Knowledge vs Ignorance
- Conformity vs Individuality
- Distraction vs Happiness
- Action vs Inaction

#### ***Things Fall Apart***

- Change vs Tradition
- Language and Communication
- Respect and Reputation
- Fate vs Free Will
- Family
- Gender

5. See the following information for the journal layout with a partial example from *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel.

#### **For the first day of class, make sure that you**

- **Have access to the digital version of your double entry journal and essay via your school Google account or bring the document with you on a flash drive.**
- **Bring printed copies of your double entry journal and essay that are ready to hand in to your teacher.**
- **Are prepared to take a test on the novel.**

**IF THIS ASSIGNMENT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED AND IS NOT READY TO TURN IN ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM HONORS ENGLISH!**

**Example Double Entry Journal Format:**

Student Name  
Teacher Name  
Course  
Date

**Bibliography** - Include a complete MLA formatted bibliography for the edition of the novel you read. This is important because there may be a different number of pages or different content on different page numbers depending upon the date your novel was printed/published. You will need to identify the version you read so that it is clear to the teacher where to locate your citations.

<b>Note Taking</b>	<b>Note Making</b>
Citing page numbers, write significant excerpts from the text on this side of the page. The excerpts of text will add meaning for your understanding of a theme from the novel.	Directly across from the significant excerpts, write your original ideas about the importance of the text. This analysis must be at least three to five complete sentences. Your analysis should include <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interpretation of how the quote illustrates theme.</li><li>• Explanation of how the quote fits in with the plot of the novel.</li></ul>

**Example:**

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Summer Reading Assignment: *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

Martel, Yann. *Life of Pi*. New York: Harcourt, Inc., 2001.

<b>Note Taking</b>	<b>Note Making</b>
Chapter 50 - The Will to Live: “Life on a lifeboat isn’t much of a life. It is like an end game in chess, a game with few pieces. The elements couldn’t be more simple, nor the stakes higher.” (Martel 267).  Chapter 80 - Fear: “I looked Richard Parker dead in the eyes. Suddenly his brute strength meant only moral weakness. It was nothing compared to the strength in my mind” (Martel 486).	Life on a lifeboat is simple, but, stripped of all else, the stakes become considerable: life or death. Faced with numerous physical dangers, Pi’s only real choice is whether to fight to live or to give up and die. Though he considers doing otherwise, Pi chooses to fight.  Pi finally confronts the fear that has been mentally exhausting him throughout this excursion. He realizes that he has nothing to fear since his mental strength far surpasses the tiger’s physical strength.