

PIONEER ACADEMY SUMMER READING LIST

For Students Entering 11th Grade

2021 - 2022

During the summer, students entering 11th grade are to read **and** complete a dialectical journal for **TWO** books from the list below.

The purpose of the dialectical journal is to record your interactions with the text as you progress through the book. It is a way of recording your responses, positive or negative, and to track your reading through the story. Don't simply summarize what you read, but rather respond, reflect, and track your thoughts. Follow these instructions:

- Select 10 passages or quotes from your summer reading book to respond to, either in a notebook or in a doc.
- Divide the page in half. Title the column on the left: "Passages from the Text." Title the column on the right: "Responses to the Text."
- Copy each passage word for word into the left column. Jot down the page number that indicates where the passage is located in the text.
- Respond to the quote in the right column. Try using the prompts provided below.
- Show that you have read the entire book by responding to passages from the entire text.

Entry Prompt Samples:

- "The imagery reveals . . . "
- "The setting gives the effect of . . . "
- "The author seems to feel . . . "
- "The tone of this part is . . . "
- "The character(s) feel(s) . . . "
- "This is ironic because . . . "
- "The detail seems effective/out of place/important because . . . "
- "An interesting word/phrase/sentence/thought is . . . "
- "Something I notice/appreciate/don't appreciate/wonder about is . . . "
- "This reminds me of . . . "
- "I agree / disagree with the author because . . . "

Dialectical journals will be collected the first week of class. An additional in-class writing assignment on the summer reading will also be given the first week of class.

Choices for students entering grade 11:

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

The Idiot by Elif Batuman

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

The Stranger by Albert Camus

Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

1984 by George Orwell

Complications by Atul Gawande

Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell

On Writing by Stephen King

The Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston

The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan

Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

Google Classroom codes:

British Literature	du6rddv
Honors American Literature	dahdppa
AP Language and Composition	4q7cabx
American Literature CP	toc6is6