

English 11 Suggested Summer Reading 2020-2021

The following works are recommended for summer enrichment. Students also have the option to complete an assignment .

The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
The Jungle by Sinclair Lewis
The Grapes of Wrath by Sinclair Lewis
The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper
For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway
The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton
Black Like Me by John Howard Griffin
The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Alex Haley and Malcolm X

Students have the option to complete a **double-entry journal**, due on the first day of school for one of these works. The journal is a minimum of 2 pages.

Double Entry Journals

The dialectical or double entry journal is a type of two-column double-entry note taking. It helps readers construct meaning from a text, to personalize what they read, and to write down the insights gained from the reading. This type of journal allows students to question, elaborate, make personal connections, evaluate, reflect upon, make predictions, analyze, or interpret what they have read.

Find key quotes that...

- are important
- include symbolism
- express key ideas or concepts
- are interesting
- reveal something about a character

In your own words, provide a clear response to the quote. Why is it important? What does it mean? How does it relate to key themes/symbols, etc., in the work? **For any literary work, your double entry journal must cover the entire scope of the selection.**

Do NOT just summarize **the quote's content.**

DO critique **the** quote **or** ask questions.

The left hand column of a double entry journal is the space in which you record key ideas and quotes, and the right hand column is the space in which you put your reactions to that material. An analogy for this is to see the left hand column functioning as a highlighter pen and the right hand column as the notes scribbled in the margin. See Example on next page.

The Lord of the Flies, by William Golding

Quotations

Reflections and Analysis

“Now we come to the most important thing. I’ve been thinking. ..We want to have fun. And we want to be rescued.” (p. 37)

Ralph; This quote captures how he is stuck between two courses of action. He wants to have fun, to be a kid, to be carefree; but he also wants to get rescued, to be responsible, and to lead the younger kids to safety. He is stuck between the adult world, represented by Piggy, and the world of childish wants, represented by Jack. I wonder which route he will eventually follow...