

Summer Reading Project Rising Seniors

1. Everyone will read a different novel. Let me know which novel you have selected.
2. Read your book. Please don't rely on sparknotes or other sites. Take notes or underline and highlight in your book.
3. Put together a powerpoint presentation of the book you have chosen.
4. Write a typed one paragraph summary of the book.
5. 1st day of school— turn in your summary and be ready to present.

Your power point should include at least 10 slides and 4 graphics

1. Title slide—include your name, the title of the book, the author, and the year published.
2. Setting— describe the time and place. How is the setting important? How does it add meaning?
3. Characters— describe at least two. Include physical description and personality characteristics. How does the author develop these characters— through description, actions or dialogue. Give a quote for each character.
4. Conflict— Internal or external? Man vs what?
5. Point of view— how is the story told? How is this important. Include a quote that shows point of view.
6. Literary element: Choose a literary element and explain how it functions in the book: symbol, irony, motif, or foreshadowing.
7. Describe the action in the book. Write a sentence for each: exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution.
8. Theme—Come up with what you think theme of book is. This should be a complete sentence or two, and should be universal (not applying only to this book). Support with examples.
9. Quote— Select a few lines from the book that you particularly like or that you think are important. Explain why you chose this quote.
10. Recommendation— You have a friend who is looking for a good book thread. Would you recommend this one? Explain your answer.

Pick a book to read— everybody will read a different one. Get in touch with me to give me your top three choices and I will get back to you.

1. *Never Let Me Go* Kazuo Ishiguro
a dystopian novel/love story set in a mysterious boarding school
2. *Fahrenheit 451* Ray Bradbury
a dystopian novel about a future where books are outlawed and “firemen” burn any that are found
3. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* Sherman Alexie
a coming of age novel set on an Indian reservation; both funny and sad
4. *The Glass Castle* Jeanette Wells
a memoir of a poverty stricken childhood
5. *The Haunting of Hill House* Shirley Jackson
a horror novel about the supernatural
6. *Into Thin Air* Jon Krakauer
a personal account of a tragic expedition to climb Mt Everest
7. *The Lovely Bones* Alice Sebold
a trauma novel narrated by a dead teen ager
8. *The Secret Life of Bees* Sue Monk Kidd
a coming of age novel set in South Carolina
9. *Speak* Laurie Hulse Anderson
a high school girl is depressed after something horrible happens to her at a party
10. *The Education of Little Tree* Forrest Carter
the fictional memoir of a Cherokee boy
11. *The Color of Water* James McBride
a black man’s tribute to his white mother
12. *I Capture the Castle* Dodie Smith
a romantic novel about an eccentric family living in a decaying castle

Summary

- Use MLA format for your name, the date, the course.
- Give your summary a title that includes, but is not limited to, the title of the book.
- The first sentence should include the author's name, the title, the genre, and the main idea of the book.
- Don't use first or second person in your summary.
- Don't include your opinion. Just describe the action, main idea, tone, and the theme without including too many details.
- Your summary should be typed in Ariel or Helvetica 11 point font.