

English 10 - Summer Reading Assignment

In order to prepare for English 10, you are required to read *Summer of My German Soldier* by Bette Greene and one "free choice" book from the attached list. This assignment must be brought to your English class on the first full day of class in Sept.

Part I - *Summer of My German Soldier*

This is a novel about a girl who hides a German prisoner of war during World War II. After you have read the novel, please respond to the following questions:

1. Briefly relate the **plot** of this novel in 2 or 3 paragraphs. What happened? Be sure to include the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and resolution.

2. The **setting** of this book is similar to the setting of *To Kill a Mockingbird* which you have already read. It is set in a small Southern town in the 1940's characterized by prejudice against Black and Jewish people. Who in this story do you think experienced that prejudice the most?

Patty because she is Jewish

Ruth because she is Black

Anton because he is German

Write about at least 2 specific incidents to explain your reasons for your opinion.

3. What is the main **conflict** or problem in the book? Is the conflict resolved at the end of the book? Explain.

4. Patty, **the protagonist**, tells the story herself. How does she describe her relationship with each of these other characters? Refer to specific incidents in the book when answering this question.

A. Her mother

B. Her father

C. Ruth

D. Anton

5. Choose 2 of the following **themes** in the book and describe in detail how the author brings out these themes;

Racism and prejudice

Parent - child relationships

Friendship

The importance of love

Risk taking

Loyalty

Coming of age (growing in maturity)

6. How would you describe Patty at the end of the book? What do you think she will do? Will she be OK? Explain.

Part 11 -- Questionnaire

Read any one of the following books. When you have finished it, answer the questions about the book on the "Summer Reading Questionnaire" which is attached.

Book Choices:

Fiction:

The Autobiography of My Mother by Jamaica Kincaid
The Red Tent by Anita Diamant
My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Piccoult
The Pact by Jodi Piccoult
Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Piccoult
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent by Julia Alvarez
Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
Jacob Have I Loved by Katherine Peterson
Almost a Woman by Esmeralda Santiago
Catalyst by Laurie Anderson
I Hadn't Meant to Tell You by Jacqueline Woodson
Ellen Foster by Kaye Gibbons
Gathering Blue by Lois Lowery
The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
Crystal by Walter Dean Myers
The Second Summer of the Sisterhood by Ann Brashares
The Clan of the Cave Bear by Jean Auel
The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards
Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers
Staying Fat for Sarah Burn by Steve Cutcher
Silent to the Bone by E.L. Konigsburg
The Women of Brewster Place by Gloria Naylor
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelo
The Girl with the Pearl Earring by Tracey Chevalier
Saving Francesca by Melina Marchetta
I, Tituba by Maryse Boucolon
The Year of Fog by Michelle Richmond
Sag Harbor by Colson Whitehead
The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
The Pearl by John Steinbeck
Eclipse by Stephanie Meyer
Go Ask Alice by Anonymous
Briar Rose by Jane Yolen
Lisa, Bright and Dark by John Neufeld
Pardon Me, You're Stepping On My Eyeball by Paul Zindel
Behind the Mountain by Edwidge Danticat
Picture Bride by Yoshiko Uchida

Summer Reading Book Questionnaire

Name of student _____

Title of book _____

Author _____

1. What is the **setting** of this book? (When and where did it take place?)

2. Name and identify (tell who they are) the **main characters** in this book.

3. Choose **one** of the characters you just named and describe in detail what he or she was like.

4. Make a list of **five** important things that happened in the book.

5. Choose **one** of the events you just listed and explain in detail why it was important.

6. Give **two or three** reasons why you did or did not like the book.