

English 9

Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to St. Joseph High School. One of the requirements for being a freshman is that you do some reading during the summer before you begin here. The following assignment should be brought to your English class in September on the first full day of classes. The grade you receive for this assignment will count toward your first quarter English grade.

You are required to read Tiger Eyes by Judy Blume and any other book from a list of five.

Part 1 - *Tiger Eyes* by Judy Blume

This book tells the story of a girl who is uprooted from her home in New Jersey after her father has been killed.

After you have read this novel, please respond to the following questions:

1. In about 2 or 3 paragraphs summarize the plot of this novel.
What happened?
2. The setting of this novel is important. Davey, the main character, is forced to move from her home in Atlantic City, New Jersey to a totally new environment in New Mexico. How did this new setting influence or change Davey's life?
3. This is a first person narrative; Davey tells the story herself. Does her telling the story help you to understand it better or would it have been better for the author to have told the story? Be specific - refer to definite things that happened in the story to support your opinion.
4. Discuss Davey's relationship with either Wolf or Jane.
Does her relationship with this person help or hinder her? Be specific - give examples.
5. Write in detail about any 3 characters in the book (except the character you wrote about in your answer to question # 4)
Who is the character?
Describe him or her. What are his or her most important characteristics?
(Not just looks - personality and attitudes too.)
Explain why this person is important in the story.
6. Choose one of the following themes or ideas in the book. Explain how the author brings out this theme. Refer to specific characters or events in your explanation.
Coming of age (growing in maturity)
The impact of violence
Friendship
The idea of journey or searching
Family love and bonds
Grief and anger

Part 11: Questionnaire

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

Book Choices:

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

The Giver by Lois Lowry

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

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.