



Suffolk Public Schools



Honors Summer Reading Assignment Grade Ten

Suffolk Public Schools wishes to promote a summer reading program to encourage critical reading of both classical and contemporary literature. The following mandatory assignments are designed to promote a serious academic attitude that demonstrates a high degree of self-discipline and self-motivation. Students also have an opportunity to express their talents and personalities while enjoying a variety of novels. **Each** of these assignments will count as a **quiz** grade for the first nine weeks.

Assignment 1: Each student entering Honors English 10 is required to read The Color of Water by James McBride. There will be an objective/essay **quiz** covering the novel during the first week of school.

Assignment 2:

Each student is also required to select one of the following novels to read in addition to The Color of Water: Life of Pi by Yann Martel or The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien.

The students are to complete a **Reaction Summary** about the book by answering the questions listed below regarding the conflicts and consequences of the characters and their actions in the novel. Responses must be in an essay format and address each portion of the question.

Perceive (1 page minimum)

- What problems need to be solved?
- What are the influential ideas, key events, and significant issues?
- Who are the key players involved?

Value (1 page minimum)

- What do each of the significant characters value?
- What are your own values and how do they compare and contrast to the characters' values?

Act (1 page minimum)

- What are the key actions of those involved?
- What different actions would you propose?

Evaluate (1 page minimum)

- What are the consequences of the key actions?
- What are the probable consequences of your proposed actions?

Due Date:

The summer reading assignments are due on the **third day** the class meets in September with the exception of seventh block classes (seventh block -- due on the **sixth day** the class meets). ***All written work must be typed double-spaced, using 12 point Times New Roman font, and must include the attached coversheet.***