

Summer Reading Assignment (2018-2019)
HONORS INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE—MRS. FORTUGNO
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Read and annotate the following work:

- *A Separate Peace*, John Knowles
 - *Must be purchased—ISBN: 978-0743253970

Supplementary Requirements:

- Define the following literary terms:
 - “Coming of Age” story
 - Flashback
 - Allusion
 - Biblical Allusions
 - Imagery
 - Point of View including:
 - First Person
- Annotate both literary documents with at least 20 annotations (post-it notes or index cards) for *A Separate Peace*
 - *See attached document on how to write an annotation*

Essay:

- ***Essay Requirements***
 - 2-4 pages in length
 - MLA format (Works Cited Page Required)
 - At least 1 direct quote per paragraph in your paper from either primary document
 - No required secondary sources—if secondary sources are used, the sources **must be** reliable
 - ***Please use Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary for all definitions***
 - Assignment **must be** submitted via Turnitin.com
 - Login information will be provided on the first day of school
 - **HARD COPY REQUIRED**
- ***Directions:*** You will write a character analysis essay on one of the four following characters: Gene, Phineas, Brinker, or Leper. In your response you should analyze each portion of the “character analysis points” that are listed below. You **may** use first person in your paper.

Tips on Writing a Character Analysis Essay

Character Analysis List for this Essay

Directions: Address each of the following categories described below.

- **Name of Character and Novel** *in which the character appears*
- **Physical Characteristics** *(Voice, Posture/Walk/Demeanor/Dress, Distinguishing Marks, Gestures/Emotion etc.)*
- **Background** *(Family life/Character's History, Occupation, Personal interests/pursuits, Beliefs)*
- **Motivations/Purpose** *(For the entire novel—is this person successful or unsuccessful; fails or succeeds)*
- **Development or Changes in Character** *(Throughout the course of the novel)*
- **Tactics/Will** *(Conflict with self/nature/man/society? Threatening to others? Strong or weak will power? Moral responsibility to others? Honest with self and others?)*
- **Judgement** *(View of character in eyes of others, i.e. author, society, other characters, etc.)*

How to Write a Character Analysis Essay

- **What is a Character Analysis Essay?**
 - In a deeper sense, this is a type of essay which requires understanding of the character in question. These kinds of essays are usually to understand protagonists and antagonists in any literary piece. One of the aims would be to make a profile and analyze characters well.
- **What is the purpose of a Character Analysis Essay?**
 - More than to fulfill a requirement, this type of essay mainly helps us understand the character and the world he/she lives in. One of the important purposes of this essay is to look at the anatomy of a character in the story and dissect who he/she is. We must be able to study how the character was shaped and then learn from his/her life.
- **How to Write a Character Analysis Essay?**
 - Take note of the setting, climax, and other important literary parts. You must be able to feel and see through the characters. Observe how the writer shaped these characters into life. Notice how little or how vast the identities of the characters were described. Look at the characters' morals and behavior and how it affects situations and other characters in the story. Observe characters that you find interesting.
- **How to start a Character Analysis Essay?**
 - Choose a character you'd like to write about. Sometimes, a character will be readily assigned to you. It's wise to consider characters that are round since these

kinds of characters will be really interesting and you will have a lot of things to write about these characters. Take notes as you read through the piece and read through the rubric given to you by an instructor. When you're finished reading with your character in mind, review your notes, and formulate the main idea about a character. Make an initial draft while taking note of the character analysis essay outline provided by your instructor. If you're not provided with a sample, you may follow this format:

- **Introduction:**
 - Make it brief and meaningful. It should hold together your whole essay and should spark interest in people. Write a short description of the character in question.
- **Body:**
 - Subdivide your body paragraphs into different ideas or areas to be considered regarding the character. Look at your professor's rubric and make sure that you'll be able to tackle the things required. You should also be provided with questions to be answered to better formulate your analysis. The body should answer the following questions:
 - What is the character's physical appearance, personality and background?
 - What were the conflicts that the character experienced and how did he/she overcome them?
 - What can we learn from this character?
- **Conclusion:**
 - Your conclusion should also hold together your ideas and should shape a final analysis statement. Mention things about the character's conflicts which we can experience in real life. Also, you can write about how a character should've reacted to a certain situation.

(Information taken from EssayPro.com)

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This is a mandatory honors project. The assignment is to create a lesson on one of the five choices below. Your PowerPoint should include at least 5 detailed slides explaining the components of your lesson. You are also required to include at least **10 quotations** from *A Separate Peace* supporting your lesson: 2 of those 10 quotations must be from secondary sources (i.e. dictionary definition, other reliable resource—****Wikipedia/Shmoop/Sparknotes/etc. are unacceptable****).

The due date of this project is the first Monday that we are in school. This assignment **must** be completed by this date in order for you to remain in the Honors section of this course. Within this time, please be prepared to have a brief meeting with Mrs. Fortugno either during lunch or right after school to discuss your desire to take Honors and to discuss your project.

List of Project Choices:

- Memory vs. Truth
 - Define “flashback”
 - Consider effects of memory on storytelling
 - Define first person point of view
 - How does first person point of view influence the way we understand someone’s story?
- The importance of Seasons
 - Examples of seasonal changes
 - Why writer’s put emphasis on seasonal changes
 - How seasonal changes relate to the characters and development in *A Separate Peace*
- The meaning of the title *A Separate Peace*
 - Where does the title come from
 - How war effects daily life
 - How war effects the characters/what does the title mean for each character?
- Biblical Allusions in *A Separate Peace*
 - Define “allusion” and from that determine the definition of “biblical allusion”
 - Determine at least four examples of Biblical Allusions
 - Explain why the author uses biblical allusions
- Betrayal and Revenge in *A Separate Peace*
 - Read Genesis Chapter 4 and the account of Cain and Abel
 - Explain how Gene and Phineas’ relationship develops
 - How is their relationship compared to that of Cain and Abel?