

Summer Reading Assignment

Introduction to Literature

Read the following works:

- *A Separate Peace*, John Knowles
 - Can be obtained at school or purchased—ISBN: 978-0743253970

A Separate Peace Assignments: Assignments must be submitted via Teams under 9th Grade Intro to Literature. You will be able to submit assignments in TEAMS during the first week in August. If you are new to the school or have trouble with TEAMS, you may email your summer work to Mrs. Nelson at bnelson@timothychristian.org. You may also email her if you have any questions about the assignment.

Literary Terms - Define the following literary terms*

- **“Coming of Age” story**
- **Flashback**
- **Allusion** (Biblical and classical)
- **Imagery**
- **Point of View** (must identify specific types of p.o.v. with definitions for each)

**Please use Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary for all definitions*

- **Double Entry Journals** - Complete twenty double entry responses (See supplemental directions for how to write a double entry journal)
- **Character Analysis Essay** - *You will write a character analysis essay on one of the four following characters: Gene, Phineas (Finny), Brinker, or Leper. In your response you should analyze each portion of the “character analysis points” that are listed below. You may not use first person in your paper.*
 - **Presentation Requirements:**
 - 5 paragraphs (introduction with a three-point thesis, three body paragraphs, conclusion), 2-4 pages
 - **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:** 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.
 - MLA format (Times New Roman 12 pt. font, double-spaced, proper heading and in-text citations)
 - At least **one** direct quote per body paragraph in your paper from the novel with proper citations

- No secondary sources - you may not use Sparknotes, Wikipedia, or other sources to analyze the novel. This must be an original essay using only your ideas about what you have read.
- **Character Analysis Points:** *Address each of the following categories described below. Decide how to best organize the information in these categories within your three body paragraphs.*
 - **Physical Characteristics** (*voice, demeanor, dress, distinguishing marks, etc.*)
 - **Background** (*Family life / character's history, personal interests, beliefs*)
 - **Motivations/Purpose** (*successful or unsuccessful at accomplishing his goals*)
 - **Development or Changes in Character** (*how the character responds to events and actions of other characters*)
 - **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. narrator, society, other characters*)