

North Attleboro High School English Department Required Summer Reading List 2010—Reading Guide Questions

Please consider the following Reading Guide Questions as you enjoy your summer reading and prepare for book discussions in the fall. You do not have to pass in your answers to these questions. However, you may wish to write down your responses to these questions as you read and review them before you return to school, so you can actively participate in the book discussions.

Remember, we are not asking you to write an essay about the book or take a test. We simply want you to enjoy reading and discussing books. See you in September!

Non-fiction

1. Choose a speaker's profile that had the greatest impact on you, and explain why.
2. Choose an essay you strongly agree with, and explain why.
3. Choose an essay you strongly disagree with, and explain why.
4. Choose one quote from any one of the essays that best matches your own personal philosophy.
5. Choose a character trait possessed by the narrator, or the subject of the non-fiction, that influenced the narrator's life experience.
6. Describe the relevance of the trait you chose in #5 to your own life experience.
7. Cite/quote an example of descriptive language (imagery).
8. Cite/quote an example of figurative language (symbol, simile, metaphor, personification, etc.).
9. What did you think the writer's central message, or theme, was?
10. What did you learn from the essay, or what message will you take away after reading the essay?

Fiction

1. What is the main character's conflict?
2. Who in the story is the most good, and explain why.
3. Who in the story is the most evil, and explain why.
4. What do you think is the central message, or theme, of the story?
5. What character in the story can you relate to the most, and explain why.
6. What do you think were the key events of the story's plot?
7. Why is the setting important, and how does it impact the plot?
8. Who tells the story, and how does that point of view (perspective) affect the way the story is told (narrative structure)?
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