

Upper School English Summer Reading Assignment (Grade 9) 2022-2023

English I

All students enrolled in 9th grade English in the fall must read the required text selection below. Complete the Dialectical Journal assignment as you work your way through the novel. Your journal will be turned in as an assignment and will be used for coursework when you return to school.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer and find some sacred time to relax, read, and reflect! Please contact me via email with any questions.

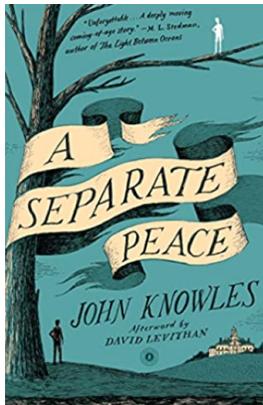
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Required Book

A Separate Peace

By John Knowles

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Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read.

An American classic and great bestseller for over thirty years, *A Separate Peace* is timeless in its description of adolescence during a period when the entire country was losing its innocence to World War II.

Set at a boys' boarding school in New England during the early years of World War II, *A Separate Peace* is a harrowing and luminous parable of the dark side of adolescence. Gene is a lonely, introverted intellectual. Phineas is a handsome, taunting, daredevil athlete. What happens between the two friends one summer, like the war itself, banishes the innocence of these boys and their world.

Dialectical Journal Directions

The term “Dialectic” means “the art or practice of arriving at the truth by using conversation involving question and answer.” Think of your dialectical journal as a series of conversations with the texts we read during this course. The process is meant to help you develop a better understanding of the texts we read.

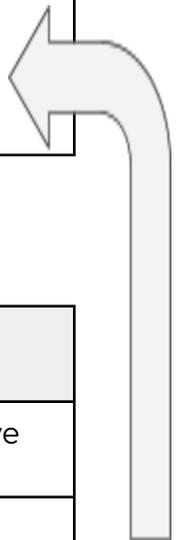
PROCEDURE:

- ❑ As you read *Animal Farm*, choose passages that stand out to you and record them in the left- hand column the chart (ALWAYS include page numbers).
- ❑ In the right column, write your response to the text using the questions below (Respond, Analyze, Evaluate) for each passage you choose.

Respond: What did you like or dislike about the passage? Why were you drawn to it? What was the emotional response you had to the words? What did it make you think about?

Analyze: Why do you think this quote was placed in the chapter at this point? You should refer to events before or after the quote to give context for your answer.

Evaluate: How does the quote extend beyond the text? Does it address a world value, moral problem...universal theme? Why is this quote important?



*Recreate the following graphic organizer in a google doc. This doc will be submitted in our class google classroom when you return to school.

Quotation (At least 10 entries)	Page #, chapter	Respond, Analyze, Evaluate
(type/write the quote you are analyzing here)		Answer the questions from above here in a reflective form.
<p>Example: <i>from Lord of the Flies</i></p> <p>The singing of this song threw the animals into the wildest excitement. Almost before Major had reached the end, they had begun singing it for themselves. Even the stupidest of them had already picked up the tune and a few of the words, as for the clever ones,</p>	Page 13, chapter 1	<p>Sample response:</p> <p>(Respond) I was drawn to this passage because it was surprising to me how quickly the animals are buying what Old Major is preaching about. I thought it was interesting that Orwell, the author, distinguishes between the “clever” and “stupid” animals, it makes me think about how easily people can</p>

<p>such as the pigs and dogs, they had the entire song by heart within a few minutes. And then, after a few preliminary tries, the whole farm burst out into <i>Beasts of England</i> in tremendous unison.</p>		<p>be swayed to others beliefs if they are charismatic enough or simply an elder, like Old Major. (Analyze) This passage exists to show the animal's response to Old Major's speech about rebelling against humans. The singing in unison helps us understand that this idea may actually turn into reality based on their reaction. (Evaluate) I think this passage may support the universal theme of conformity. People, like the animals in this scene, often behave in a specific manner only because it is what the majority is doing. Perhaps not all of the animals agree with Old Major but feel inclined to follow along.</p>