

English IV Honors: Summer Reading Assignment 2009

1. Choose **ONE** of the following novels to read:

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, J. K. Rowling

The Fellowship of the Ring, J.R.R. Tolkien

The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd

The Color Purple, Alice Walker

2. In addition to reading, also watch the most recent film version of the novel you chose.

3. Complete a **Summer Reading Log** that contains **ALL** of the following items. Each assignment must be written neatly in ink or typed (preferably), on a separate sheet of paper.

- a. **Vocabulary Log:** Choose **20** words from the novel that you do not know. For each word, copy the sentence in which it appears in the novel, and underline the word. In parentheses, put the author's last name and the page number on which it appears in your copy. Then, look up the word, and copy the definition that applies to the way the word is used in the quotation.

Ex:

inquisitive: "Lucy felt a little frightened, but she felt very inquisitive and excited as well (Lewis 113).

Definition: curious or full of questions

- b. **Quotation Log:** For every **50** pages of your novel, choose **2** quotations that speak to you about something beyond simply the plot of the story in which they occur. They need to relate to more general ideas about life such as journeys, growing up, relationships, hope, fear, loss, overcoming hardships, strength, etc. For each one, record the sentence in which it appears in the novel. And once again, put the author's last name and page number in parentheses. Write a sentence that identifies the speaker, person spoken to, and what is going on in the novel (context) when this quotation appears. Finally, write a sentence or two about what larger meaning the quotation has for you and why you agree or disagree with what you think it is saying.

Ex:

Quotation: "Actually, you can be bad at something, Lily, but if you love doing it, that will be enough" (Kidd 167).

Context: August says this to Lily right after Lily is stung for the first time and questions whether she could ever be a good beekeeper.

Meaning: August means that it's more important to love what you do than to be perfect at doing it. I agree and think that too many people spend more time doing things because they feel like they should do them or that they need to prove that they can do them than doing what they love to do whether they are very good at it or not.

- c. **Movie Log:** Choose **5** significant parts of the novel that are changed or completely left out of the film version. These need to be things you felt were very important in the original story. For each one, explain in several sentences what the change/omission looked like. Then, write a sentence or two that explains why you think the change is significant and the effect it has on the story.

Ex:

4. You will have a reading quiz (DYRT quiz—Did You Read This?) over the book and movie the **second** week of school. Your Summer Reading Log will be due on the day of your quiz.

IMPORTANT: YOU MAY NOT REPEAT ANY QUOTATIONS IN THIS PROJECT. YOU MUST HAVE A DIFFERENT QUOTATION FOR EACH ITEM!

A WORD OF CAUTION: This is **NOT** a group project. While you may choose to watch the films or discuss the novels or assignments with other students, I do **NOT** tolerate cheating. **If you copy any part of another student's work, both of you will receive zeroes for that portion of the assignment. In addition, should you copy material from a study aid such as SparkNotes, an internet site, or any other source, you will receive a zero for that part of your work.**