

English II Honors Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Student,

Welcome to English II- Honors! In order to prepare you for this year, you will be reading one historical fiction book over the summer. You must choose one of the books from the list below to read for your summer assignment.

1. Historical Fiction Reading Choices: (Choose one of the following)

1. *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys
2. *The Girl in the Blue Coat* by Monica Hesse
3. *Rose Under Fire* by Elizabeth Wein
4. *Audacity* by Melanie Crowder
5. *Within These Lines* by Stephanie Morrill

*As you read the historical fiction book, you will be completing signposts and digital notes.

Sign Post Requirements:

- For the signposts, you must identify and analyze quotes that represent each of the signposts:
 - Aha Moment, Words of the Wiser, Memory Moment, Tough Questions, Again and Again, and Contrast/Contradiction.
- For each signpost, you must identify and analyze 1 quote for a total of 6 entries. Make sure the quotes span the novel, meaning you have a few from the beginning, middle, and end.
- Be sure to cite the quotes properly.
- Each signpost entry should be about 8-10 sentences.
- **Be sure to lead into the quote by explaining who is speaking and what is happening in the context of the novel. Then explain how the quote relates to the signpost.** Look for the deeper meaning of the quote and what it may prove.
- **The signposts must be typed, and a hard copy must be handed in on the first day of school.**
- The assignment will also be submitted to Turnitin.com later in the week so make sure you keep an electronic copy. **Attached is a template that you can follow when creating the signposts, but you are not required to use the template.**
- Keep a formal tone. Avoid first and second person pronouns NO “I” “ME” “YOU” ETC.

Digital Note Requirements:

- In addition to the signposts, you will be creating digital notes. You should think of these like post notes to keep track of your thinking while reading. You must create at least 10 notes that span the novel. These should not be the sign posts you already created. Use the template provided for formatting and focus on a variety of the topics below.

Topics to take notes on:

- Important quotes and passages. (Why do they stand out? importance?)
- Character development (What are the traits of the characters and how/why do they change and evolve throughout the text)
- Conflict (What are the internal and external conflicts and how do they impact the characters?)
- Symbols & Motifs (What do the symbols represent? why are they important?)
- Developing themes (What is the author trying to showcase?)
- Historical Context (What can you learn from the book about the time period? How does the era impact the characters?)
- Strategies that the author uses (figurative language, rhetorical devices etc...)
- ***Digital post-it notes should span the novel and you should aim for at least 10 total.**
- *Notes should be about 2-3 sentences each one word responses are not acceptable.
- *If referring to a specific quote in the note, you do not need to lead into it for the digital note unless it would help you.
- **On each post it note, please write the page number so you can refer back to it later**

*On the following page there is an example of a strong note example. This is the depth and quality I will be expecting to see in your notes.

I hope you enjoy your book, and please feel free to email me this summer with any questions. I look forward to meeting you all in September.

~Mrs. Barry

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- Both assignments are due on the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL....if you do not have the signposts and the digital notes printed by the first day, you will lose 10 points for each day that they are late)

Template for Signposts

You can use the template OR you can write out the signpost in a paragraph

<u>Signpost</u>	<u>Analysis (8-10 Sentences). Must have a topic sentence, lead into the quote, quote with citation and analysis.</u>
Aha Moment: -consider what the larger life realization or lesson is and how it might connect to a theme or showcase character development	
Contrast and Contradiction -consider why the character has changed, what sparked this change and what it shows about the character's development	
Tough Question -consider what the larger conflict is the character is facing and how the conflict is impacting the character	
Again and Again -consider how this again and again might be symbolic and relate to a possible theme *an again and again should span multiple segments of the novel	
Memory Moment -consider what triggered this memory and why, how the memory holds significance, and what it might help us to learn about the character and what haunts them or they value	

<p>Words of the Wiser -consider the lesson that the character is trying to teach or how this connects to a larger theme</p>	
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Notice & Note

Name _____

Book _____

SIGNPOSTS YOU MIGHT NOTICE

Contrasts & Contradictions

When a character does something that contrasts with what you'd expect or contradicts his earlier acts or statements, **STOP** and ask, "Why is the character doing that?"

Aha Moment

When a character realizes, understands, or finally figures out something, **STOP** and ask yourself, "How might this change things?"

Tough Questions

When a character asks herself a very difficult question, **STOP** and ask yourself, "What does this question make me wonder about?"

Words of the Wiser

When a character (probably older and wiser) takes the main character aside and offers serious advice, **STOP** and ask, "What's the life lesson and how might it affect the character?"

Again & Again

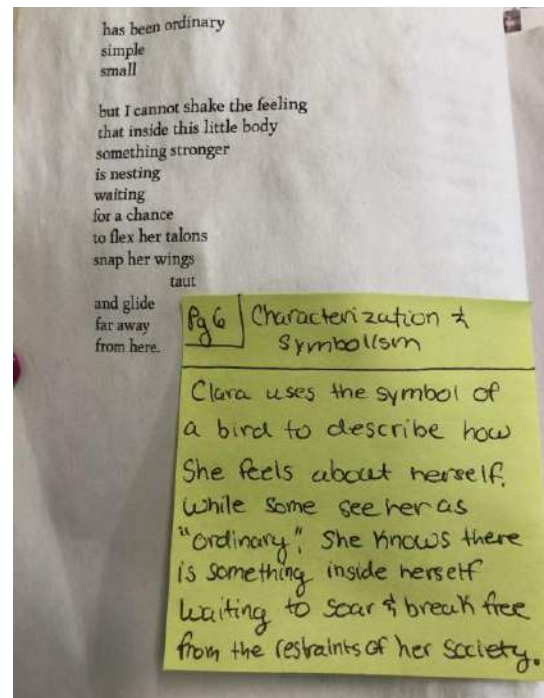
When you notice a word, phrase, or situation mentioned over and over, **STOP** and ask yourself, "Why does this keep happening again and again?"

Memory Moment

When the author interrupts the action to tell you about a memory, **STOP** and ask yourself, "Why might this memory be important?"

Use the back to jot down page numbers of the signposts you spot.

STRONG POST IT NOTE EXAMPLE



Characterization & Symbolism Pg.6

Clara uses the symbol of a bird here to describe how she feels about herself. While some people see her as "ordinary," she knows there is something stronger inside herself waiting to soar and break free from the restraints of her society.

Digital Post It Notes Template

Directions: Use this template to take 10 digital notes that track your thinking while reading. You can use the topics that I listed in the requirements sheet and the note example above to guide you as to the topics I want to see you write about and the quality I am expecting. Feel free to color code the notes if you would like. **Remember these are separate from the signposts you are finding.

1. Topic Page #	2. Topic Page #	3. Topic Page #	4. Topic Page #	5. Topic Page #
6. Topic Page #	7. Topic Page #	8. Topic Page #	9. Topic Page #	10. Topic Page #

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