

**Grade 9 Honors English**  
**Summer Assignment 2024-2025**  
Please join: [Google Classroom Link](#).

Welcome to English I- Honors! In order to prepare you for this year, you will choose ONE of the following novels to read over the summer:

1. *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson
2. *Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo
3. *Twisted* by Laurie Halse Anderson
4. *What about Will* by Ellen Hopkins
5. *The Field Guide of the North American Teenager* by Ben Philippe

After reading the novels, you will complete BOTH assignments below. BRING them and your BOOKS with you on the FIRST day of school! We will begin our year focusing on these novels. We will work in our book clubs to discuss and share!

**Task ONE:**  
**ONE PAGER**

- 1) Put your NAME on the back of this paper.
- 2) Write the title of the book and author's name somewhere on the page (this should be done creatively!)
- 3) Include a border that reflects the unit of learning or theme.
  - a) This can include words, pictures, or quotes.
- 4) Write a THEME statement. What is the OVERALL message of the book? SHOW this in a visual way, also.
- 5) Using both images and words, introduce **TWO** main/key characters.
- 6) Draw an IMPORTANT scene from the book.
- 7) Include **THREE** symbols from the BOOK. Draw and EXPLAIN.
- 8) Include an image that represents a key moment in the book.
- 9) Include **FOUR** interesting quotes from the book.
  - a) Include quotation marks and a page number
  - b) If the quote is part of a dialogue (said by a specific character), include the character's name who said it.
- 10) Cite **FOUR** examples of figurative language (simile, metaphor, hyperbole, alliteration, etc.) found in the book.

**Be sure to:**

- Complete on regular size computer paper (card stock) or a SMALL poster board.
- Fill up the page and make sure it is CREATIVE and IN COLOR.
- You can print items from your computer and glue them to the poster- if you do not want to handwrite.
- Follow all directions ABOVE.

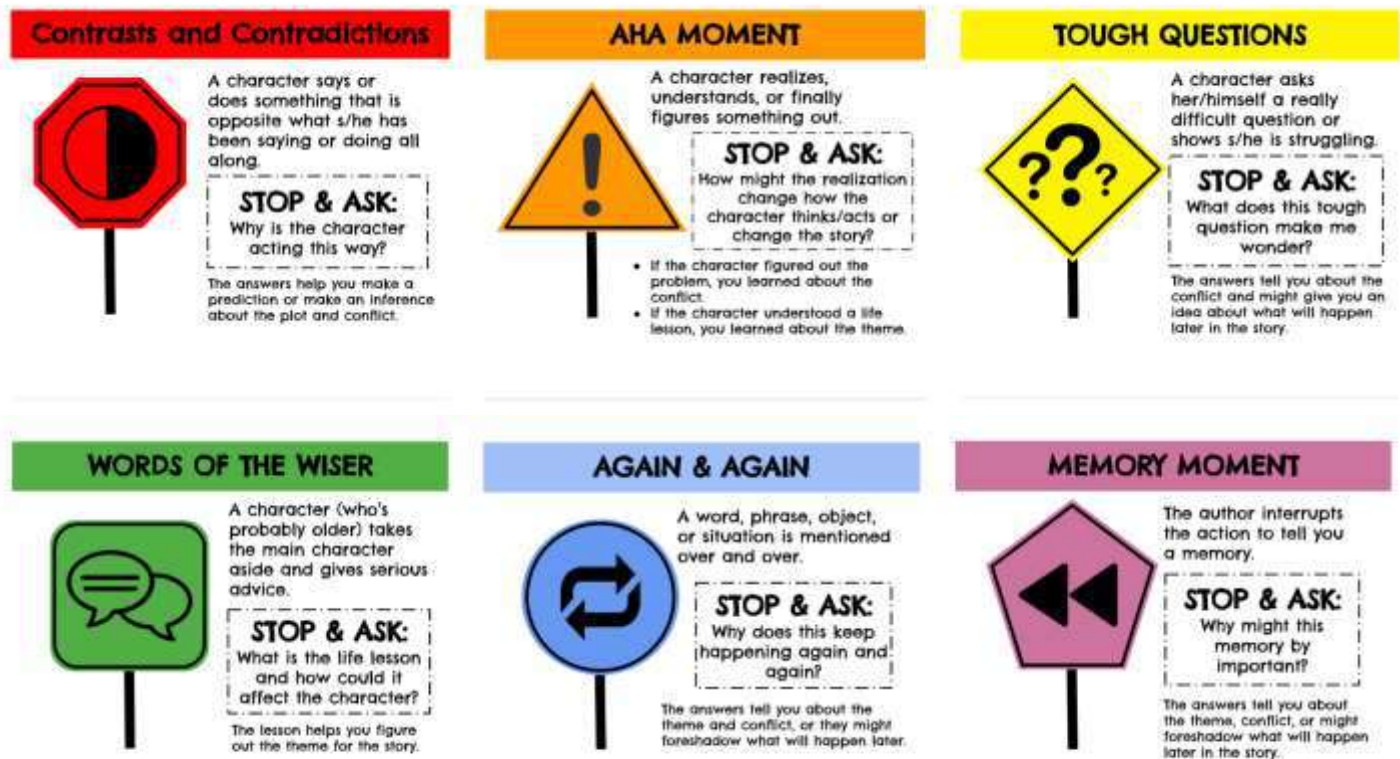
**BRING THIS TO CLASS with your BOOK on the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! Be ready to EXPLAIN in groups!**

## **Task TWO:** **SIGNPOSTS**

As you read, you will be completing SIGNPOSTS. In order to complete this activity 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 of the signposts 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. The quote and analysis (including the answer to the anchor question) should be 8-10 sentences.

- **Be sure to explain who is speaking, what is happening in the context of the novel, and how it relates to the signposts.** 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.**
- **Attached is a template to follow when creating the signposts.**



**Remember, this is an INDIVIDUAL assignment.**  
**You are not allowed to work with anyone on this assignment.**

<p><b>Signpost</b></p>	<p><u>Quote and Analysis (8-10 Sentences)</u></p> <p>You will have a topic sentence, an ICED(Introduce-Cite-Explain) quote, answer to anchor question(analysis), and a wrap up sentence. You need to also include the citation with author and page number.</p> <p><b>ICED Example of Again and Again (using book <i>Of Mice and Men</i>)</b></p> <p>Lenny keeps referring to the rabbits because they represent his dream. It is his ultimate dream that he and his friend George live in their own place with their own farm. Lennie desires to have lots of rabbits to tend to and feed. The rabbits are a symbol of this dream- as he brings them up again and again throughout the book. He states, "Go on, George! Tell about what we're gonna have in the garden and about the rabbits in the cages and about the rain in the winter and the stove, and how thick the cream is on the milk like you can hardly cut it. Tell about that George" (Steinbeck 14). The rabbits are a symbol of his dream-to be with his friend George where they are safe and sound. To be in a place where they no longer have to worry about moving and always looking for work.</p>
<p><b>Aha Moment</b></p>	
<p><b>Contrast and Contradiction</b></p>	
<p><b>Tough Question</b></p>	
<p><b>Again and Again</b></p>	

<b>Memory Moment</b>	
<b>Words of the Wiser</b>	