

School year 2020-21

Language Arts 9

Part 1: Summer Reading Assignment

Due Date: The first day of class after orientation week.

A Separate Peace by John Knowles

You are responsible for obtaining your own copy of the book (through Amazon or another book store), and you will need it during the first few weeks of the school year.

You may either type or handwrite your summer reading assignments; typed assignments should be double-spaced. I do take off points for spelling mistakes. Please number your answers with the question number. All paragraph answers should be about 4 - 5 sentences in length.

If you have any questions, you may email me at mschafstall@temima.org

1) Describe each of the two main characters. How would you describe their personalities? What types of conflicts do they have with other characters?

You should write 1 paragraph about each character.

2) Summarize two incidents from the book, and discuss what each incident suggests about the characters' friendship. Discuss each incident in a separate paragraph.

3) Discuss what this book seems to be suggesting about friendship. Choose two passages (quotes) from the book and discuss what each quote suggests about friendship. You need to write down the quote and page # from the book. Discuss each quote in a separate paragraph.

4) Compare this book to another book you have read or movie you have seen. You could compare them according to issues, characters, plot, etc. Note that the word "compare" means that you can discuss similarities and/or differences.

5) Discuss something that you found interesting about the book that was not covered in questions 1-5 above. This could be something like the role of a minor character, another episode you'd like to discuss, or another idea from the book as a whole.

6) Find 5 words in the book that you didn't know the meaning of and/or you consider to be SAT (higher vocabulary) words. Write out the sentence from the book with the word underlined, and then include the correct dictionary definition for each word.

Happy reading! I look forward to meeting you and discussing the book with you this fall!

Mrs. Schafstall