

# Olathe Schools Honors English I Summer Assignment

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Hello, and welcome to high school. The writer and illustrator Roald Dahl once said, "If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." You may be asking why you're being tasked with completing a summer assignment. According to research, the volume of daily reading has a direct correlation to success both in and outside of school.

### Why Read for 20 Minutes a Day?

Student A	Student B	Student C
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
1,800,000 words per year	282, 000 words per year	8,000 words per year
Scores in the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests	Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests	Scores in the 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests

Below, you will find the instructions for the Honors English I summer assignment. Please read all instructions carefully and complete the assignment to the best of your abilities.

**Please follow the instructions below to complete the Honors English I summer assignment:**

**Step 1.** Select a novel from the list provided below. To challenge yourself and to give your teacher an accurate picture of where you are as a student, please select a book that you have not previously read.

#### Book List

1. *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
2. *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
3. *Concrete Rose* by Angie Thomas
4. *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay
5. *Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo

**Step 2.** While reading, take notes on significant moments from the book, and pay special attention to the growth of characters who are central to the text.

- a. Annotations and notes should be detailed and include page numbers and citations from the text.
- b. If you are borrowing the book from your high school or public library, **do not** write in it. If you need to annotate in a borrowed book, write on a post-it note or other piece of paper and place it on the appropriate page.

Reading the novel, creating effective annotations, and taking notes will prepare you for a timed writing, which will occur at the beginning of the semester.

### Helpful Hints

- Complete reading your novel by the first full day of school.
- Annotate carefully and thoroughly the growth of the characters throughout the novel.

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