

# P.H.S. English II Pre-AP Summer Reading Assignment

**English II Pre-Advanced Placement:** Read and complete these assignments before school starts. The assignments below are due on the second day of class.

You will be required to read: *A Separate Peace*, by John Knowles

**Book Purchase:** You may purchase the book at a bookstore so that you can make notations in it as you read. You will find inexpensive copies at stores that sell used books. If you cannot purchase the book, borrow it from the library.

**Assignment #1** As you read, make annotations (notes) in your book on a separate piece of paper. Then use your annotations as ideas for a **dialectical journal**. Using the instructions attached to this sheet, write a page (front only, neatly on lined notebook paper in blue or black ink, front only) for each of the thirteen chapters of the book. Skip lines between each entry but single space within the entry. *Your grade will be determined by the quality of your insights, depth of thought, and attention to detail. Sloppy and/or oversized penmanship is not acceptable and will receive no better than a C.*

**Assignment #2** Read and annotate the book, paying particular attention to passages which deal with the nature of friendship, competition, jealousy, regret, and finding inner peace (themes). It would be beneficial to research the setting (time and geographical location for the novel) for 1942. When you have finished, prepare the following **essay** (2-3 typed pages using 12 point standard font, double spaced, Times New Roman):

*The loss of innocence is a common theme among literature. Write an essay in which you discuss how characters (2-3) in A Separate Peace go through a loss of innocence. You may use the above mentioned themes to develop your essay. Be sure to demonstrate in your essay how Knowles uses this theme to enhance the meaning of the novel.*

**Make sure that you use quotes from the book to illustrate your points and that you cite them correctly.**

**Do not be tempted to plagiarize or use Internet sources for help. THIS WILL RESULT IN YOUR REMOVAL FROM PRE-AP ENGLISH!**

**Test over summer reading:** On the second day of class you will take an objective test over the novel.

**Late enrollees:** If you are a late enrollee of this class, you will be given two weeks from the first day you attend the class to complete your reading. Everyone will be expected to complete the reading. **Late enrollees do not include students who transfer to PHS over the summer unless there are less than two weeks remaining at the time of transfer.**

**Failing to complete/pass these 3 assignments will result in removal from Pre-AP English.**

**Happy reading! If you have questions, email me at: [lcandioto@pisd.net](mailto:lcandioto@pisd.net).**

# Dialectical Journal

Directions: This assignment must be hand-written inside a pocket/brad folder.

Skip lines between each quote. Write neatly.

This is a dialectical journal. Your high level of analysis and in-depth thought is essential for the "Why do I find this quotation interesting or important section."

This assignment will display your close reading ability and how well you use analysis.

- **You should include a minimum of 5 quotations per chapter. (Five quotes from each of the 13 chapters)**

The first column you will copy down the quote you think is important.

\* The third column is the most important section. Here you will contemplate the quote's hidden and/or deeper meaning. Be sure you do not summarize, but analyze the quote's meaning.

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Quotation	Page	Why do I find this quotation interesting or important ?