

FRESHMAN ENGLISH HONORS

Welcome to Freshman English Honors! All summer reading assignments will be due the first day of school. Please plan on assessments and class assignments that require your close reading and analysis of the assigned text the first few weeks of school. If you do not read closely, your grades will suffer, so please make time to dedicate yourself to your studies. Our theme this year will be **Coming of Age**, so please be reflective about how this text represents theme and the lessons we learn as we mature.

ASSIGNMENT #1: A Separate Peace by John Knowles- (NEW/CLEAN COPY in PRINT only with ISBN-13: 978-0743253970)

Part 1: In-depth Annotations- You will do at least one annotation per four pages. You may write directly in your book or use post-it notes by placing them directly on top of your highlighted text. **See directions on annotations below.** This will be a grade, so follow directions carefully.

Part 2: Reading Logs- This will be **10** entries, **hand-written** in two columns. In the first column, you will copy a significant passage you located during your annotations (3-6 sentences) with its provided page number. In the second column, you will analyze the passage in a paragraph for any devices found below in the word bank and discuss how these devices help to create theme and develop elements of a story.

Reading Passage (3-6 sentences with pg. #)	Analysis (paragraph minimum- 5+ sentences)
"This is your quote" (pg. #).	This is your analysis where you discuss how certain devices create theme and develop elements of a story. It is not a summary.

How to Create In-depth Annotations:

- 1) Find meaningful text and highlight it.
- 2) Reread the text closely for meaning, purpose, and rhetorical or literary devices.
- 3) Label the highlighted text for a particular term or idea you'd like to offer commentary on.
- 4) Write 1-2 sentences of commentary about your annotation. Commentary addresses the "so what" factor or provides analysis. Use the acronym RIPE to help you create commentary on the devices or element you'd like to analyze: Relationships, Importance, Purpose, and Effect.

Rhetorical and Literary Word Bank: Use this word bank below to create your in-depth annotations. Please use a variety of terms. If you are unfamiliar with a term, please look it up and make a personal glossary. Please also note you are not limited to the terms in this work bank. Your annotations and reading journal must show *variety*.

Devices: diction, syntax, style, imagery, simile, metaphor, extended metaphor, personification, hyperbole, purpose, theme, symbols, motif, tone, verbal irony, dramatic irony, situational irony, juxtaposition, internal conflict, external conflict, exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution, archetypes (look up all the various ones), The Heroic Cycle (look up elements and examples), protagonist, antagonist, direct characterization, indirect characterization, dynamic character, static character, setting, allegory, allusion, foreshadowing, hubris

Part 3: MLA Paper- Write a 2-3 page typed MLA paper analyzing how *A Separate Peace* is a **Bildungsroman**, which is a coming of age story in literary criticism. Consider these questions: What is a **Bildungsroman**? How does the major character change or grow morally and psychologically as the story progresses? What events caused these changes? What lessons were learned? How is the character fundamentally different? Once you have answers to these questions, address them in your MLA paper. Be certain your paper has a thesis statement, at least three direct quotes from the novel as examples and/or supports for your subtopics, and that your paper has no gratuitous errors. Proofread your work carefully, and visit the Purdue OWL at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/13/> for tips on MLA format. Please include a Work Cited page, which will include the bibliography of *A Separate Peace*. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I'd be glad to help.

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Annotations and Point-Data-Commentary Tutorial

STUDY AGAIN: Remember annotations **analyze. They do not **summarize**. Pay close attention to **step number four below**. This is where many of us need to improve. Be certain all of your annotations follow all four steps for an A in the grade book. Be sure all annotations have a **VARIETY of terms** from the word bank on your summer reading handout.**

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Here's an example from the novel *My Antonia* (text to left/annotation to right in margin)

The feelings of that night were so near that I could reach out and touch them with my hand. I had the sense of coming home to myself, and of having found out what a little circle man's experience is. For Antonia and for me, this had been the **road** of Destiny; had taken us to those early accidents of fortune which predetermined for us all that we can ever be. Now I understood that the same **road** was to bring us together again. [a1]Whatever we had missed, we possessed together the precious, the incommunicable past.

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YELLOW: POINT

GREEN: DATA

BLUE: COMMENTARY (RIPE)