

## Junior Honors English Summer Work

Students will be required to read *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne and read one of the three choices from the additional selections list (the first three texts on the additional selections list are considered mature). Students should not read book that they have read previously. After reading the books, students are to complete the independent reading journal entries for each book.

### Must Read

*The Scarlet Letter* by Hawthorne

### Additional Selections

*Huckleberry Finn* by Twain

*Beloved* by Morrison

*Invisible Man* by Ellison

*Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* by Jacobs

*Nothing Like It in the World: The Men Who Built  
the Transcontinental Railroad 1865-1869*

by Ambrose

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [caldwellj@fcsboe.org](mailto:caldwellj@fcsboe.org). This will be due on the first full day of classes and there will be an essay or test associated with each text. Do not wait until the end of the summer to begin your work. Make sure to calculate the number of pages you need to read each week/day, and read appropriately. Don't procrastinate so that you may enjoy these books!

Have a safe and relaxing summer!

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Independent Reading Journal

Two independent reading journals are to be completed each nine weeks. Journal entries may vary in length, but the entries should be a **minimum** of two to five sentences each. The entries should be written in complete sentences as well. IRJs may be typed and printed. Number your entries and begin each with the appropriate start. Students should have a title page which includes the following: your name, teacher's name, subject, assignment, and date. The entries should follow, and the last page needs to be a Works Cited entry with author's name, title of the book, city of publication, publishing company, and date published. (REGS do to #15)

The entries are as follows:

1. I really do not understand the part where...
2. This character reminds me of somebody I know because...
3. This character reminds me of myself because...
4. I think this setting is important because...
5. This scene reminds me of a similar scene in (title of book, movie, TV show, etc.) because...
6. I like/dislike this writing because...
7. This part is very realistic/unrealistic because...
8. I think the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is interesting because...
9. I like/dislike (name of character) because...
10. This situation reminds me of a similar situation in my own life. What happened was...
11. If I were (name of character), at this point, I would...
12. I began to think of...
13. I love the way...
14. I cannot believe...
15. I wonder why...
16. I am not sure...
17. My favorite character is...
18. I like the way the author...
19. I felt sad when...
20. I wish that...
21. I was surprised...
22. It seems like...
23. I want to know more about...
24. I predict...
25. This story teaches...