

Amity Regional-Summer Reading Assignment-Grades 11-12

Requirement: Review the following questions in preparation for your booktalk on the two books you read for summer reading. Your teacher will ask you to respond to several questions for each title. Your responses should be well developed and specific, demonstrating your thorough reading of the book. You may have written notes with you to refer to, if you wish, but you may not read a prepared response to the class. Our purpose is twofold. We need to verify that you have completed your summer reading and you need to practice your informal public speaking skills. Teachers will use the following rubric to evaluate your booktalk. Summer reading books may not be the same as those covered by the curriculum.

*Your English teacher will model the booktalk with a book he or she has read this past summer.

Grading Rubric:

“A” Booktalk- The student answers all questions asked with detail and very specific reference to each book read. The responses are lively and enthusiastic in support or criticism of the books.

“B” Booktalk- The student answers all questions asked with some detail and specific reference to each book read. The responses are generally lively and enthusiastic in support or criticism of the books.

“C” Booktalk- The student answers most of the questions asked but without much detail or specific reference to one or both books. The responses are not very lively and lack enthusiasm in support or criticism of the books.

“D” Booktalk- The student cannot respond to questions asked with enough detail to demonstrate careful or complete reading of one or both books. The responses are not at all lively and do not provide enough detail to support or criticize one or both books.

“F” Booktalk- The student is unprepared for the booktalk and cannot complete the basic requirements of the assignment.

SUMMER READING BOOKTALK QUESTIONS

1. Summarize the book. Who's the main character? What's the basic plot? Was it good or bad? Why? How would you have changed the plot?
2. Did this book make you laugh? Cry? Smile? Cheer? Explode? Explain your reaction.
3. What was the author saying about life and living in this book?
4. What parts of the book seem most believable? Why? What parts seem unbelievable? Why?
5. Do you think the title fits the book? Why or why not?
6. Do you like ending of the book? Why or why not? Do you think there is more to tell? What do you think might happen next?
7. What do you feel is the most important part of the book? What is the most important event, character, feeling or decision? Why is it important?
8. Do any of the characters remind you of other characters you've encountered in your reading? What are the similarities?
9. Does the theme or content of the book remind you of other books you have read? What are the similarities?
10. Has this book helped you in any way? Explain. Have you changed any of your opinions or attitudes after reading this book? Explain
11. Are there any distinctive aspects of the author's style of writing? Cite an example. Did the style make the book more enjoyable? Explain.
12. What kind of reader would find this book most interesting?
13. Tell us about a memorable scene in the book.
14. Would this be a good book to read as a class?
15. How would you rate this book on a scale of 1-10?