

PILLOW ACADEMY 2018 SUMMER READING

2018 Pillow Academy Summer Reading Honors English IV - 12th Grade



THREE Books

Summer Reading Book #1- *The Help* by Katherine Stockett

Summer Reading Book #2- *Dispatches from Pluto* by Richard Grant

Summer Reading Book #3- Select one of the following memoirs/autobiographies:

All Over but the Shoutin' by Rick Bragg

Salvation on Sand Mountain by Dennis Covington

Zeitoun by Dave Eggers

Autobiography of a Face by Lucy Grealy

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl by Harriet Jacobs

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books by Azar Nafisi

My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor

In the Sanctuary of Outcasts by Neil White

Black Boy by Richard Wright

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

For each book:

- Keep a **character list**. This list should include character names, traits, and the page number when they are introduced.
- Also write down at least **ten quotations** (with page numbers) that strike you as interesting or significant. These quotes should come from throughout the book. Each quotation should be at least one complete sentence, although it can be longer if needed for context. After each quotation, write at least three sentences explaining why it is interesting/significant to you.

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TEXTBOOK INFORMATION – READ CAREFULLY

You will need to purchase or borrow your textbooks for the fall and spring semesters. Please obtain **all** books before school starts so that you are not scrambling to get the Comp. II book after Christmas. **Check with my former students first—they may be willing to sell them to you at a discount!**

Comp. I (fall semester):

- *The Norton Field Guide to Writing with Readings* by Richard Bullock and Maureen Daly Goggin. 4th edition. ISBN 9780393264371 (be sure to get the one that says “with Readings”—the cover is green—and be sure it is the 4th edition)
- *The Little Seagull Handbook* by Richard Bullock et al. 2nd edition. ISBN 9780393935806. You may also use the newer 3rd edition, but I am not requiring it.

These two books are sold in a bundle by the MDCC bookstore. The MDCC Greenwood Center (next to Honest Abe’s Donuts) should have them—check in the office on the far right end of the building. You can also purchase them online, either new or used.

Comp. II (spring semester):

- *Literature and Society: An Introduction to Fiction, Poetry, Drama, Nonfiction* by Pamela J. Annas and Robert C. Rosen. 4th Edition. ISBN 0131534572

This book has been used with PA’s dual enrollment class for many years, so you can probably borrow or purchase it from one of my former students. This book is **NOT** sold by the MDCC bookstore. If you can’t get it from a former student, you can purchase it used online.

Please Note: Summer reading selections are chosen based on literary merit and with high academic standards in mind. The books assigned by the English department at Pillow Academy represent a mix of classic and contemporary literature. Many books address complex situations and may contain adult themes and language. Pillow Academy recognizes that a particular work may be objectionable to a student or parent but further believes that exposure to these literary works far outweighs the benefit of censorship. The attempt to expose students to challenging topics and issues is intended to serve as opportunities for students to think, theorize, question, and explore.