

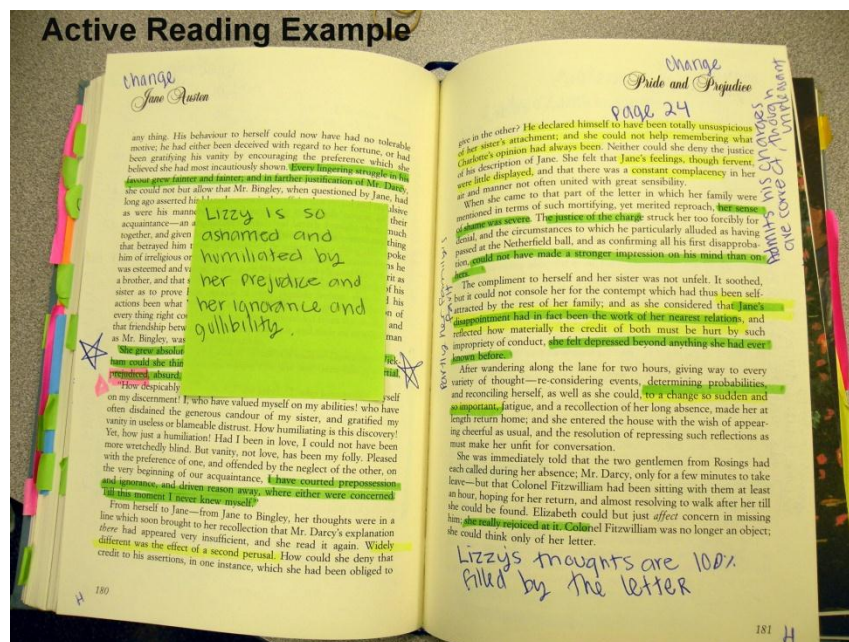
Summer Reading Journal

Throughout the year you have worked hard to train your brain to read actively and think about the importance of what you have read. The brain is a muscle—if you are not using it, it becomes weak and forgets how to work. This reading assignment is designed to help you retain all of the skills you’ve learned this year. Choose **ONE** of the books below to complete this summer.

As you read the book, keep a journal of what you’ve read. Identify quotes that stand out to you (be sure to include the page number), and write your interpretation or reaction to them in a separate column. Think about the major works you have read this year and how their themes compare to the ones in the book you read over the summer. You must “get deep” with your annotations and challenge yourself to build connections. Your reading journal should have **25 entries** and should include:

- your insights into the characters and/or the story
- questions that arise as you are reading
- connections that you can make to other texts, the real world, or your own life
- an identification of the themes being developed
- definitions of challenging words
- literary devices being used to enhance meaning
- anything else you want to comment on while reading!

Your journal is due **on the first day of school**. You should either bring a notebook to turn in or a printed out journal that you’ve typed **AND** the novel that you’ve read with **evidence of active reading and notes**.



Reading Journal

Quote from the text	Response
1. "I knowed he was white inside, and I reckoned he'd say what he did say—so it was all right, now, and I told Tom I was agoing for a doctor." (Twain, p. 304)	What Huck really means here is that Jim is a brave, honorable person for wanting to stay behind and help Tom. It is interesting that Huck chooses to show this by describing Jim as white because it shows that Huck associates positive, praise-worthy character traits only with whites. Moreover, it is clear that Huck is earnest in his praise of Jim, and probably didn't give a second thought to what he said, which shows that the classification of whites as good has become ingrained in him by society.

For the new 9th and 10th graders:

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez (reservation) to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

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A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

A Wrinkle in Time, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract (a wrinkle in time) problem.

https://www.amazon.cn/A-Wrinkle-in-Time-Madeleine-L-Engle/product-reviews/0312367546/ref=dpx_acr_txt?showViewpoints=1

Wrinker by Jerry Spinelli

A young boy named Palmer lives in a town called Waymer, which celebrates an annual Pigeon Day. Pigeon Day involves trapping pigeons in crates and releasing them to be shot in the air. Ten-year-old boys in Waymer can accept the honor of picking up the wounded birds that have not yet died from a gunshot wound and wring their necks to "put the pigeons out of their misery." When Palmer turns nine, his peers pressure him to join them in anticipation of becoming the best "wringers," boys who wring the necks of pigeons. Palmer is not sure he wants to do such a thing, but his father was known as one of the best wringers ever, and he doesn't want to disappoint everyone. What choice will he make?

https://www.amazon.cn/Wrinker-Jerry-Spinelli/dp/0064405788/ref=sr_1_1_twi_pap_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1497579966&sr=8-1&keywords=wringer

Everything on a Waffle by Polly Forvath

In the small Canadian town of Coal Harbour, in a quaint restaurant called The Girl on the Red Swing, everything comes on a waffle--lasagna, fish, you name it. Even waffles! The town is the new home of Primrose, a unique 11 year-old girl whose parents have been lost at sea and whose uncle is currently caring for her despite not really wanting to. Primrose likes her new town but finds it quirky, and the residents aren't too sure what they think about her either. You might be surprised at what this sweet, silly book can teach you about relationships, peace, and understanding.

https://www.amazon.cn/Everything-on-a-Waffle-Polly-Horvath/dp/0312380046/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1497581687&sr=8-1&keywords=everything+on+a+waffle

For the returning 10th, 11th, and 12th graders:

All The Pretty Horses was written by the American author Cormac McCarthy. This novel gained McCarthy recognition since it was written in a romantic style very different from other of McCarthy's works. It tells the tale of 16 year-old John Grady and his best friend who head south toward Mexico in the year 1949 to find work as cowboys. Along the way, the boys encounter another young boy named Jimmy Blevins who asks for their help. Their decision to help Blevins leads to more adventure than they boys bargained for.

https://www.amazon.cn/All-the-Pretty-Horses-Border-Trilogy-McCarthy-Cormac/dp/0679744398/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1497580242&sr=8-1&keywords=all+the+pretty+horses

The Giver by Lois Lowry

The novel follows a 12-year-old boy named Jonas. The society has eliminated pain and strife by converting to "Sameness", a plan that has also eradicated emotional depth from their lives. Jonas is selected to inherit the position of Receiver of Memory, the person who stores all the past memories of the time before Sameness, as there may be times where one must draw upon the wisdom gained from history to aid the community's decision making. Jonas struggles with concepts of all the new emotions and things introduced to him: whether they are inherently good, evil, or in between, and whether it is even possible to have one without the other. The Community lacks any color, memory, climate, or terrain, all in an effort to preserve structure, order, and a true sense of equality beyond personal individuality.

https://www.amazon.cn/The-Giver-Lowry-Lois/dp/0007263511/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1497580067&sr=8-1&keywords=giver

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

Published in 1937, *Of Mice and Men* tells the story of two displaced migrant field workers named George Milton, an intelligent but uneducated man, and Lennie Small, a bulky, strong man who is mentally disabled, who move from place to place in California in search of new job opportunities during the Great Depression in the United States. George and Lennie are on their way to another part of California with the dream of settling down on their own piece of land.

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***A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah**

A Long Way Gone is the true story of Ishmael Beah, an unwilling boy soldier during a civil war in Sierra Leone. When he is twelve years old, Beah's village is attacked while he is away performing in a rap group with friends. Among the confusion, violence, and uncertainty of the war, Ishmael, his brother, and his friends wander from village to village in search of food and shelter. Their day-to-day existence is a struggle of survival, and the boys find themselves committing acts they would never have believed themselves capable of, such as stealing food from children.

https://www.amazon.cn/A-Long-Way-Gone-Memoirs-of-a-Boy-Soldier-Beah-Ishmael/dp/0374531269/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1497582942&sr=8-1&keywords=a+long+way+gone

***Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank**

Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has since become a world classic -- a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit. In 1942, with Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, they and another family lived cloistered in the "Secret Annex" of an old office building. In her diary, Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period. By turns thoughtful, moving, and amusing, her account offers a fascinating commentary on human courage and frailty and a compelling self-portrait of a sensitive and spirited young woman whose promise was tragically cut short.

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***Holes* by Louis Sachar**

Stanley Yelnats is under a curse that began with his great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnats. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the warden makes the boys "build character" by spending all day, every day, digging holes: five feet wide and five feet deep. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realize there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake. The boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something. Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this inventive and darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment--and redemption.

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***Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card**

Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer simulated war games; he is, in fact, engaged in something far more desperate. Ender may be the military genius Earth desperately needs in a war against an alien enemy seeking to destroy all human life. The only way to find out is to throw Ender into ever harsher training, to chip away and find the diamond inside, or destroy him utterly. Ender Wiggin is six years old when it begins. He will grow up fast.

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