

English 9 Summer Reading Assignment 2019

All 9th Grade Students

Read ONE of the following books:

Sold

by Patricia McCormick

or

The Lord of Opium

by Nancy Farmer

All students (you) need to keep a typed reading response journal for the book you choose. The journal must have at least 15 journal entries of 3-5 sentences each. Please write the question/s (some questions have more than one part) and your personal response to the question/s. Students may choose any 15 from the list below.

1. What problems do the characters have, and how do they solve them?
2. Which characters would make good next door neighbors? Which ones wouldn't? Why?
3. Which character do you most like? How would the book be different if the character weren't present?
4. What was your first impression of the main character? How have your first impressions grown or changed as you've read the novel?
5. What are two emotions the main character has felt? What made the main character feel that way?
6. Did this book remind you of anything that has happened to you? What? Why? Did this book give you any new ideas about yourself? Why?
7. Describe ways in which the character is like you. How is the character different?
8. Imagine that you are the author of the book. Explain why you chose to write this book, who you wanted to read it, and what inspired you.
9. Select a quote from the book – something a character or the narrator said--that had an impact on you. Explain why you connected to that quote.
10. What lesson did you learn from the story?
11. If you were a character in this book, who would you be? Why?

12. What emotions did you feel as you read? Describe what was going on in the reading that made you feel that way.
13. What event could have happened in real life? What would be similar in real life? What would be different in real life?
14. If you were in a problem situation like one in the book, how would you have acted? Be sure to tell what the situation is.
15. Identify one problem in the book and give an alternate solution that was not given by the author.
16. List at least three problems the characters faced. Which was the most life changing? Explain.
17. Write a letter to a friend recommending this book or advising against reading it.
18. Did you like the way the story ended? Why or why not?
19. What did you think was the most interesting part of the book? Why?
20. The climax of any book or story is usually the most interesting part. Describe the most exciting point in the book and explain why it's the climax.
21. If the author were here, what four questions would you ask him or her? Write the questions, and then write a response for each one the way you *think* the author might answer.
22. If you could talk to one of the characters in the story, what ten questions would you want to ask him or her? Write the questions, and then write a response for each one the way you think the character might answer.
23. Describe what was either believable or unbelievable about your reading and defend your opinion.