

**Summer Reading Assignment
English III Honors 2011-2012**

The summer reading assignment for this class is **due on the first day** of class. **Late assignments will receive a grade of 0.**

1. Choose **ONE** of the following novel selections by either purchasing the novel or borrowing it from a local library:

***Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer**
OR
***The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls**

2. Keep a dialectical journal as you read the novel. The directions are attached. A complete entry includes: page number, quotation, and a two-three sentence analysis referenced to a theme from the novel. Your quotes should be kept in order of their appearance in the novel.
3. You should bring your completed dialectical journal to class with you on the first day of school. **BE PREPARED TO TAKE A TEST ON THE NOVEL THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**
4. For *Into Thin Air* you will have a total of 10 entries in your journal. The entries must correspond with the following chapters.

Entry 1 Chapters 1-2	Entry 2 Chapters 3-4	Entry 3 Chapters 5-6
Entry 4 Chapters 7-8	Entry 5 Chapters 9-10	Entry 6 Chapters 11-12
Entry 7 Chapters 13-14	Entry 8 Chapters 15-16	Entry 9 Chapters 17-18
Entry 10 Chapters 19,20, 21		

For *The Glass Castle* you will have a total of 10 entries in your journal. The entries must correspond with the following chapters/pages.

Entry 1 pages 3-34	Entry 2 Pages 35-66	Entry 3 Pages 67-101
Entry 4 Pages 102-125	Entry 5 Pages 129-163	Entry 6 Pages 164-192
Entry 7 Pages 193-225	Entry 8 Pages 226-241	Entry 9 Pages 245-261
Entry 10 Pages 262-288		

The dialectical journal is based on the following themes:

	<u><i>Into Thin Air</i></u>		<u><i>The Glass Castle</i></u>	
Arrogance		Self-Reliance	Alcoholism	Loyalty
Loyalty		Solitude	The American Dream	Living in Poverty
Morality		Unanswered Questions	Forgiveness	Responsibility
Persistence		Fear	Lost Dreams	Reverse Roles
			Fearlessness	Self-Reliance

Your dialectical journal will be a conversation on the page. On the left you will write important quotations from the novel; on the right you will write why the quote is significant in the context of the story. Set it up like this:

<p>Note Taking</p> <p>Citing page numbers, write significant excerpts from the text on this side of the page. The excerpts of text will add meaning for your understanding of a theme from the novel.</p>	<p>Note Making</p> <p>Directly across from the significant excerpts, write your original ideas about the importance of the text. This analysis must be at least three to five complete sentences. Your analysis should include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretation of how the quote illustrates theme. • Explanation of how the quote fits in with the plot of the novel
<p>Examples: This is from <i>Life of Pi</i>, but you can get the idea of what to do</p> <p>Religion: “Bapu Ghandi said, ‘All religions are true.’ I just want to love God”, I blurted out, and looked down, red in the face.” (Chapter 23)</p> <p>Fear: “I looked Richard parker dead in the eyes. Suddenly his brute strength meant only moral weakness. It was nothing compared to the strength in my mind.” (chapter 80)</p>	<p>Pi is frustrated with this teachers and parents who insist that he choose one religion to follow. Instead, Pi seeks simpler version of faith that does not include controversies and arguments that adults squabble over. Pi has intense faith, but he is not necessarily religious.</p> <p>Pi finally confronts the fear that has been mentally exhausting him throughout this excursion. He realizes that he has nothing to fear since his mental strength far surpasses the tiger’s physical strength.</p>

This journal must be typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font. It must be printed out in hard copy format and ready to hand in the first day of class. Also, be sure to save the assignment on a your hard drive or a flash drive since **you will be required to submit to *turnitin.com*** once your teacher gives you the directions on how to do this.