

Mobius Summer Reading Assignment – 2009

Introduction

There's something magical about becoming immersed in a good story, especially during those long, relaxing days of summer. We hope you choose to read a lot! To get you started, we have provided a variety of books that look to be outstanding reading for the Mobius summer assignment. To demonstrate your understanding of your chosen book and its personal connection to you, we ask that you complete a reading diary with three entries that showcase several written and creative components. Start early and do your best work.

Reading Diary

Step I. Choose one of the books from the list (attached) and *divide it into thirds*. For each third of the book, do the following:

- Write your diary heading: entry number (1, 2, and 3) and pages to and from.
- Write a one-paragraph summary. *Do not write more than one paragraph.*
- Write an extended thoughtful personal reflection and/or evaluation. Use quotations (include page numbers) as evidence of your points of connection.
- Choose one quotation (write page number) and analyze its importance to the story.
- Complete an original, creative component from among these choices:
 - Scene illustration
 - Poem
 - Comic strip
 - Connection to a current event
 - Collage
 - Conceptual map

Written sections must be typed – 12 point, double-spaced. You will have 6 pages minimum, not including the cover page and back page.

Step II. Design and illustrate a cover page (title/author/symbols/your name/date).

Step III. Place your illustrated title page on top of the three diary entries (include a back page, too) and bind as you wish.

Due Date: Bring your book and reading diary to English class on Thursday, August 20th. We will be sharing and discussing your work throughout the day.

2009 Mobius Summer Book Choices

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Remarque

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie

Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë

The Bridge Over the River Kwai by Pierre Boules

In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

Enjoy your summer!

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