

Wilmington High School 2017-2018 Freshman Summer Reading

Hello, incoming freshman! It is a well-known fact that people become better readers and even come to love reading with practice. The WHS English teachers would like to foster good reading habits in our students. To that end, students will participate in a summer reading program.

****All incoming freshmen students are required to read one *A Separate Peace*, by John Knowles which is available in the high school library before summer break.****

How to approach the reading:

1. Read the book one time through completely for enjoyment.
2. After completely reading the book, go back into it and focus on the following things:
 - A. **Plot** – think about what happened; what was the beginning, middle, and end; what was the major conflict; how was it resolved
 - B. **Characters** – who are the main characters; how are they described; what is their significance to the story
 - C. **Setting** – where and when does the story take place; why is that important
 - D. **Point of View** – who tells the story; are they part of the story or outside of the story; how much about the characters do they know
 - E. **Theme** – what did the author want you to learn from the story? Remember, a theme is not simply one word, that is the topic. A theme is a universal statement about that topic.

ASSIGNMENT: *This assignment will be 10% of your first quarter grade.* Actively read *A Separate Peace*. Write down the answers to the above questions (A-E) on a sheet of notebook paper and bring it with your book to class on the first day of school. You will also receive an assessment over the novel during the second week of school. **DO NOT copy from summary sites such as sparknotes.com. That is considered plagiarism and you will receive a ZERO on your first assignment of freshman year. Earning a ZERO on the assignment means that the highest grade you will earn in the first quarter is a 90% B.**

Digital copy of the text: [*A Separate Peace*](#)

Any questions about the assignment and/or expectations can be sent to Mrs. Goodbar (jomi.goodbar@wilmington.k12.oh.us) or Mr. McNally (will.mcnally@wilmington.k12.oh.us).

