

Summer Reading Assignment
Students entering Levels 4 and 5 English
The Founders Academy
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Directions:

- Select **at least** one of the books from the book list Level 5.
- Of the 15 journal topics below, you will select and write on 10 of them. Each journal entry should be a paragraph (typed).
- These questions are answerable regardless of what book you read. However, some of the questions are better answered once you have finished reading the book whereas others are better to answer after you've finished a specific chapter.
- You can select each topic only once.
- All of the journal entries should be placed in a folder with a cover page in front. The cover page must have:
 - Your name
 - The title of the book
 - The author of the book
 - The name of your English teacher
- Journals must be typed, double-spaced, with a font no larger than 12 pt, Times New Roman font, and margins no more than 1" around. Not meeting these specific requirements means that points will be deducted.
- The summer project is due **THE DAY OF YOUR FIRST ENGLISH CLASS**. Projects turned in after the deadline will have points deducted from them according to the late work policy. This will be your first grade of the school year.

Response Journal Topics

1. Summarize the plot of the book up to where you are now. Name the characters and describe their characteristics and personality and what role they play in advancing the plot.
2. Create a list of ten vocabulary words that you encounter in the chapter; look up the part of speech, the definition, and then use that word in your own sentence in a way that demonstrates your understanding of its meaning.
3. Copy down a quote from a character or a short passage of text. Tell why you think it's meaningful to the events that have happened and/or will happen or why it is meaningful to the understanding of the character.
4. Make a prediction about what will happen next. Use previous events from the story and character behavior to support this prediction.

5. Create a poster on 8x11 paper advertising the book which depicts an important scene from the book. (Think of a movie poster.) Also include an important quote from the book. (These will probably be displayed in the hallways so make sure that they can be easily removed from your folder.)
6. Write a letter to a character telling them what they should next, what is happening that they may not know about in the story, or tell them what they are doing wrong.
7. Pretend you are an editor for a publishing company. Write a letter to the author about his most recent chapter making recommendations for changes and improvements, as well as what the author is doing well and what you really like.
8. Pretend you are one of the characters, though not a main one. Write a letter to a friend or loved one describing what's going on in the story. Give details about the plot, your fellow characters, and how your character feels about certain events.
9. Describe your reaction to a specific event in the chapter. How did it impact you?
10. Choose a character from the book and compare them to yourself. Are you alike or different? How so? Do you have the same beliefs, origins, action, or morals? Why or why not?
11. Describe your favorite chapter and explain why it is your favorite part of the book. What is significant about it for your overall understanding and enjoyment?
12. Choose a tense moment in the plot line. Tell how you would react if you were one of the characters in the story. What decisions would you make and why?
13. Describe a part in that chapter that surprised you and explain why.
14. Describe a problem that the characters experience in your book. Explain the causes of this problem. Suggest a solution to fix it.
15. What is the main idea or theme of the story? Why do you think the author wrote it?