

AP English 12

Summer Reading Assignment

In this course you will read extensively and write journal responses, timed in-class papers, and longer papers. As preparation you are to read **two** of the following three novels: *Oliver Twist*, *The Remains of the Day*, and *The Secret Life of Bees*. For each novel write a detailed response to the question indicated below. Each response must be typed and must be 1 ½ to 2 pages in length. In addition, in 1 typed page respond to the last question regarding the novels you read. Please note that you may use any of these novels as choices for your papers later in the course and that you are certainly free to read all of them if you choose to do so.

***Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens**

Discuss the significance of the setting. When and where does the story seem to take place? What clues in the story did you use to determine the setting? Is the setting important to the story or could the story have taken place anywhere at any time? Does the setting have an effect on the characters?

***The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro**

Think of a situation that happens to a character in the story and decide whether you would do the same thing he/she does or something different. Evaluate what the character does and then write what you might do in the same situation. Think carefully about your decisions and justify your answer. Provide good textual analysis as you prepare your response.

***The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd**

Identify the relationships of the characters in the story to one another (not just familial relationships). How do the characters' interactions with one another affect the story's outcome? Provide in-depth character analysis of the characters you choose to examine.

Evaluation Question

Think about the books you have read and tell which one you would recommend to a friend and why.

Papers must be turned in to Mrs. Corby during the first week of school and will count as a 50-point essay grade during the first marking period of the course. You must also submit your responses to turnitin.com so make sure that you save your work. You will get the turnitin course number and password when you submit your work in August.