

# English II Pre-Advanced Placement (AP)

Summit Christian Academy

Due: Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**The English II Pre-Advanced Placement (AP) summer reading assignment(s) is required.**

At Summit Christian Academy the Pre-AP English classes are designed to prepare students for the demands of the eleventh and twelfth grade college-level Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses. With that goal in mind, the summer assignments support the Pre-AP English classes as they focus on strong reading and writing skills to help further develop critical thinking, analysis skills, and writing.

The summer reading assignments are due on the first day of class.

Students who enroll after July 30<sup>th</sup> will be exempt from the summer reading assignment.

## Summer Reading Selection: Pre-AP English II

***The Pearl* by John Steinbeck**

Books can be purchased at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.

## Summer Reading Assignment: Pre-AP English II

### Part I

**Dialectical Journal:** After you read each chapter, select a quote/passage that you feel is significant. Explain what you think is significant about this passage.

**Dialectical Journal Directions:** Write quotes in the left column. Respond to the quotes in the right column. Why did you feel this was an important quote?

Quotation	Page Number	Reaction

### Part II

1. **Record Chapter Questions:** As you read, write down any questions that you have. You need to have at least one question per chapter.
2. **Annotate:** Annotate the entire novel in a manner that enhances your understanding. You are encouraged to notice the following:

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- Plot structure and development
    - Conflicts, internal and external
    - Foreshadowing, etc.
  - Setting
  - Point of View
  - Tone
  - Characterization (direct and indirect)
  - Devices
    - Imagery
    - Figurative language (simile, metaphor, etc.)
    - Motifs v. Symbols v. Word choice (diction)
    - Sentence structure (syntax)
  - Theme
3. **List Unfamiliar Vocabulary Words:** Construct a list of at least 25 unfamiliar words along with a definition for each word.
4. **Write a Book Summary:** Write a two page summary of your book. Utilize your notes and annotations when writing your summary.
5. **Outline the Plot:** Create a general synopsis of the character, setting, and theme, throughout the story.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Amy Smith at [asmith@summiteagles.org](mailto:asmith@summiteagles.org). I will be traveling throughout the summer but will be checking my e-mail on a weekly basis.