

English II Pre-Advanced Placement (AP)

Summit Christian Academy

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 30th 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.

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2. **Annotate:** Annotate the entire novel in a manner that enhances your understanding. You are encouraged to notice the following:
 - 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. I will be traveling throughout the summer but will be checking my e-mail on a weekly basis.