

9th grade regular, honors, and gifted – REQUIRED for ALL students

Greetings 9th graders: You will be doing the following assignments for the books you read. You must **read a total of two (2) books**. This means there will be two full assignments. These assignments are due the first week of school. There are no exceptions.

- Required for EVERYONE - *Life of Pi* – Yann Martel
- Make a choice of one of the following choices:
 - *Seven Highly Effective Habits of Teens* – Sean Covey
 - *The Time Keeper* – Mitch Albom
 - *The Book Thief* – Markus Zusak

- For each novel you read: You will complete the following:

Theme and the novel	Reaction to the novel
<p>1. Each book has a strong theme (message about life or human nature that is “the focus” in the book/story). Decide on the book’s theme. Explain how that theme is revealed in the book. Find 5 instances (direct quotes), including the page numbers – that support your explanation. Each quote must have an explanation about how that quote “proves” your explained theme.</p> <p>2. Just like a novel, songs carry a message too. Choose one song for each of the books you read. Write the name of the song that includes quoted lines from the song, and why you believe it best fits that book. You must have a copy of the lyrics in addition to the “why” explanation</p>	<p>3. Divide your book into equal sections of about 25 – 35 pages each. You should have a minimum of three sections. For each section of your book, you must select a short passage that you found meaningful or relevant in some manner. Record the passage and the page number(s) on the left hand of a double entry journal. In the right column record your reaction to the selected passage. The directions for the double entry journal (DEJ) can be found on the school’s website. Or ask the school media specialist for a copy of the directions.</p> <p>http://www1.lpsonline.com/uploads/DoubleEntryReadingLog.pdf</p>