

2020-2021 Summer Reading Guidelines

What to look for as you read

Grades 9-12 Regular and Honors English

Having a focus as you read can help improve your analytical reading skills. As you read your summer reading book, pay attention to the following things such as:

- Setting,
- Main idea,
- Time period,
- Major characters,
- Parts of the plot (opening, rising action, turning point, falling action, ending), and
- Literary Elements (similes, metaphors, personification, theme, etc.).

Setting – the place or type of surroundings where an event takes place

Time Period – the exact year, season, month, etc. when events in a story takes place (several time periods can take place in a story)

Characters (Major) – a person in a novel, play, or movie. Major characters are those involved in most, if not all, of the story's action. They are needed for the story to progress.

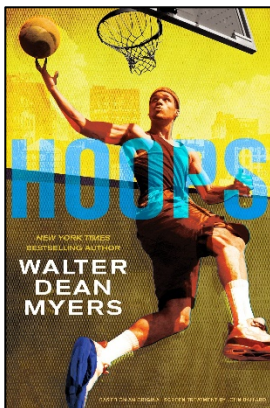
Plot – the order of events in a story; the events may not be chronological (note if plot seems to consist of flashbacks or foreshadowing)

Literary Elements – devices used to highlight aspects of a story such as simile, metaphor, personification, tone, theme, etc.; these reflect *how* the writer creates style for their work

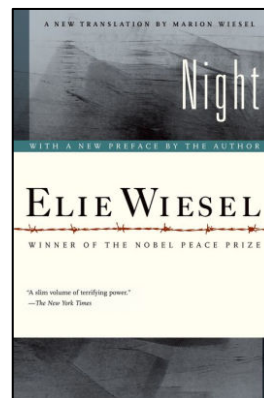
Special Tip: It would be good if you took notes as you read. If you own the book, feel free to highlight special parts and write thoughts and/or questions in the margins. If you do not own the book, you may write notes down in a notebook.

****Your notes can help you participate in class discussions and if you must write an essay on your book. When using quotes, you always need an explanation of the quote, so do your best to have clearly written responses to help you be successful in your class.**

A few of the book covers of the book choices...



A choice for Grade 9.



A choice for Grade 10.