



First Academy Leesburg

English I

Summer Reading Assignment 2016-2017

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I am truly excited to be joining the First Academy family this year. I look forward to meeting each of you and furthering your knowledge through reading and writing. As we will learn in class, God has given us a beautiful gift through the use of language. It can be very powerful as it helps to define feelings, culminate experiences, and develop relationships with those around us. We will work to build a classroom community that is rich in discussion and uplifting to one another. May we use this time of learning to be glorifying to God. I will be available through email this summer and will do my best to get back to you as soon as possible. Have a wonderful summer and I will see you this fall! ☺

As you work on your summer reading, use fully expressed ideas to finish your assignment. Your ideas should not be expressed in sentence fragments. **Assignment is due the first day of class.** Extended time will be given to those registering late.

I. Assigned Books:

1. **English I** – *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien (ISBN: 0-547-92822-X)

A fantasy novel of Bilbo Baggins' episodic quest and how it shapes his personal growth. The interesting creatures, valiant acts of heroism, and action-packed Battle of the Five Armies will not disappoint.

II. Assignment: Read your assigned book and complete a Reading Journal for your book.

1. Your reading journal will identify moments in the book that stand out to you as significant statements during your reading.
2. Please follow the format below.
 - a. You must *type* your journal.
 - b. Your reaction should be *at least* two to three sentences for each statement. **Phrases or one-sentence responses will not be enough.**
 - c. You will need to have 20 or more entries. (Possibly one for each chapter)
 - d. There are a few ways to approach this reading journal. You can either complete the journal "as you go," stopping your reading to complete the journal, OR (and my preferred method) you can highlight key passages as you read and THEN complete the journal once you're finished reading for the day. This allows you to keep focused on your reading without interrupting your train-of-thought.

*Example quote taken from *Night*. Please do not use this in your own journal:

Page #	Chapter	Significant Statement	Your Reaction—Why is this quote significant? Why did it stand out to you? Did it challenge you to think differently? How? What questions does it raise for you?
xv	Intro.	The witness has forced himself to testify. For the youth of today, for the children who will be born tomorrow. He does not want his past to become their future.	This quote makes me think about how painful Wiesel's experience must have been if he had to force himself to write this book. It also makes me realize how important it was to him. He doesn't want another human to have to experience what he did.