

10th Grade Honors Summer Work

Required Novel (must be acquired by the student)

Life of Pi by *Yann Martel* An anonymous author figure explains that he traveled from his home in Canada to India because he was feeling restless. There, while sipping coffee in a café in the town of Pondicherry, he met an elderly man named Francis Adirubasamy who offered to tell him a story fantastic enough to give him faith in God. This story is that of Pi Patel. The author then shifts into the story itself, but not before telling his reader that the account will come across more naturally if he tells it in Pi's own voice.

Read the assigned novel and be able to identify the following:

Main Characters

- A. Succinct description
- B. What are the character's traits and how do they affect the character's actions?
- C. How did the character change during the book?

Minor Characters

- A. Succinct description
- B. What is the importance of the minor character's interactions with the main character(s)?

Main Setting- gives a brief description of the time and place. If there is more than one place or time period, explain both.

Plot including exposition, conflict, rising action, climax, falling action and resolution/dénouement.

Identify dominant literary devices (such as imagery, symbolism, flashbacks, allusion, irony, metaphor, symbol, theme, etc...) that the author uses. For theme, you must be able to identify the theme of the novel, and understand why the author chose this as the dominant theme.

There will be a test covering the above information during the first week of school. No written work will be collected. The above information is your study list. You will be required to write an in class literary analysis essay for this novel and complete assorted in-class activities.