Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School AICE 9093 English Language



Summer Reading Assignment

Memoir Selection

A memoir is a nonfiction text based and written from the author's personal knowledge/experiences.

You will select a memoir that you have not previously read and that interests you. As the topics covered in some memoirs might be sensitive, you will be required to turn in a parent permission form (at the bottom of this document) on the first day of class where your parents' granted permission for the reading of the memoir. You will be completing the assignments outlined on this document and throughout the school year we will have discussions about the individual memoir each of you chose. Although you need to read this during the summer and complete the described assignments, you will also be assigned a date during the school year where you will present the memoir to your classmates. Make sure to choose a memoir that is grade appropriate (not an elementary or middle school level text).

<u>Tips:</u>

• As you read annotate/pay attention to:

- Word Choice
- Figurative Language
- o Rhetorical Devices
- o Tone/Diction
- Characterization
- o Pacing
- o Theme
- o Symbols

 The annotations should not only be highlighting but should also show your thinking process as you are reading through the use of marginal notes.

Assignment:

1. Annotations (see above for details)

2. Quote Analysis Response

- Choose 4 quotes/passages that convey the overall message of the text or the author/character.
 - Write a well-developed analytical paragraph for each quote/passage explaining the importance. The following questions can be used as a guide to help you analyze the quote/passage:
 - Why does this quote/passage stand out?
 - What type of language does the author use, what impact does the language have?
 - How is this quote/passage meaningful to the text?
 - How is the author using this quote/passage to connect to the audience?
 - What effect does this quote/passage have on the audience?
- 3. Review of the memoir
- Write a review of the memoir where you will critically evaluate the book.
- Keep in mind that a review can be positive, negative, or a combination of both.

- Feel free to look online at other book reviews for ideas on what to include and how to structure.
- Your review should be no more than 400 words.

4. Diary based on memoir.

- Write a diary entry as one of the main characters in the memoir.
- Your writing should be reflective, it can be based on any point of the memoir.
- Your writing should not include direct text from the memoir, you are using the information as inspiration for your writing.
- Your diary should be no more than 400 words.

All the assignments are due the first day of class. Please bring a printed copy of the assignments, they can be completed on the same document as long as they are labeled. In addition, the first week of class the teacher will explain how to submit the assignments to TURNITIN which is a platform that will check for plagiarism and the use of AI.

Parent and Student Acknowledgement:

*Please turn in the first week of class

I have previewed the contents of the memoir that my child has chosen, and I grant them permission to read this memoir.

Name of memoir: ______ Student Name: ______ Parent Signature: ______ Date: ______

I understand that if the student does not complete the assignments listed above, they will receive "Z's" for all required assignments and risk beginning the school year with a failing grade.

Student Name: ______ Parent Signature: ______ Date: ______

I understand that if the student plagiarizes or uses AI, they will receive "Z's" for all required assignment and be referred to administration.

Student Name: ______ Parent Signature: ______ Date: ______

Turn in this document on the first day of class for the 2024-2025 school year