

Summer Reading Assignment 2018

English 10 World Literature

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Hello class of 2021! Hope you're enjoying your summer. In preparation for English 10 World Literature, you will be choosing a summer reading selection from the books below:

- *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

As you read, annotate and focus particularly on **major themes** you see developing in the novel. In addition consider carefully the structure of the book; each of these novels has a distinctive and significant narrative structure. In the case of the *Life of Pi*, the narrator is a writer who spends the majority of the novel simply retelling the main character, Pi's, story as Pi told it to him. *The Kite Runner* is told mainly in an extended flashback that entails both lots of foreshadowing and lots of mystery. Finally, *Homegoing* consists of a series of intertwined stories, linking the lives of modern characters in America with ancestors through several generations in Africa. Consider **the impact of the structure on your understanding of the story**.

I will check your annotations during the **first** class in September.

At the start of your **second** English class in the fall, there will be an in-class writing response based on your summer reading.

I'm looking forward to having you all in class in September. Have a great summer!

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