

# Summer Reading Assignment 2019

## English 10 World Literature

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Hello, MPH 10<sup>th</sup> graders of the near future!

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**, focusing particularly on **major themes** in the novel. In addition carefully consider the **structure** of the book; each of these novels has a distinctive and significant narrative structure.

In the case of *Life of Pi*, the narrator is a writer who spends the majority of the novel simply retelling the main character, Pi's, incredible story, as Pi has supposedly told it to him.

*The Kite Runner* is told mainly in an extended flashback that brings the narrator back to his childhood in Kabul and 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.

In preparation for these assignments, please be sure that you either read your book in the weeks leading up to your return to school or that you skim or reread the book if you've read it earlier in the summer.

If you have time and ambition for it this summer, you might read more than one of these books. I will provide those students who do so an assignment for extra credit.

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

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