

EAST HIGH SCHOOL

2019 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT: GRADE 10

Welcome Incoming Sophomores!

Congratulations on successfully completing your Freshman year at East High School! Our goal is for you to show your appreciation and understanding of the novel in a creative way. Please be prepared to share your summer work with your ELA class in the fall, along with how it reflects what you have taken from your reading of the book.

Title of novel: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom

Assignment: Complete all three tasks.

- 1) **Summer Reading Double Entry Journal** – As you read, you are going to identify TEN important quotes. In the left hand column directly quote the novel, including page number. The quotes need to be from the beginning, middle and end of the book. In the right hand column write 4-6 sentences per quote about why that quote is important. Questions to consider: How does it relate to the plot, theme, motif or character? What does it show the reader? What characterization does it show and how? Why is it important to the understanding of the book? etc.

- 2) **Essay Topics/Writing Assignments – Please respond to three questions of the five questions.**
 - a) The Blue Man tells Eddie, “That there are no random acts. That we are all connected. That you can no more separate one life from another than you can separate a breeze from the wind.” (p. 48) Show how this quote is one of the main lessons throughout the novel. Be sure to cite at least three specific examples and connect them back to the quote.
 - b) The Captain tells Eddie, “When you sacrifice something that is precious, you don’t actually lose it.” (Chapter 7) How is the Captain’s statement relevant to Eddie’s entire life, not just to his leg injury? Be sure to cite at least three examples.
 - c) Mitch Albom tells the story of Eddie by using many effective literary devices. How does his use of flashback, foreshadowing and suspense propel the novel?
 - d) The theme of childhood innocence clearly plays an essential role in this novel as related to the life of the protagonist. Identify several example of how childhood innocence helps to teach Eddie about the importance of his own life.
 - e) Albom includes the time Eddie serves in the war as an important part of Eddie’s life. How is Eddie’s emotional state similar to the physical destruction caused by war? How does Eddie finally make peace with himself throughout the novel?

- 3) **Fun Activities....Be creative!!!– Pick one of the four choices.**

- a) Create a photo essay of the five people you might meet in Heaven. Be sure to identify the five people and explain their importance to you. Also, be sure to include captions that explain the lessons these people might teach you.
- b) Create a collage of your interpretation of the novel. You should cover a paper no smaller than 11x14 inches and be sure your pictures overlap, leaving no negative space on the paper.
- c) Rewrite the ending of the novel. Be sure to include reference to Amy or Annie, but you may choose to end the novel differently, if you prefer.
- d) Create a story board of THE FIVE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN HEAVEN. Be sure your drawings are accompanied by appropriate captions explaining the action of each cell.

Due Date: *First week of school!* This will be your first grade of the semester *Failure to complete this summer reading assignment may significantly impact a student's first quarter grade!*

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