

Dear Student,

Although we may read a novel, play, or work of non-fiction for enjoyment, each time we read one, we are building and practicing important basic reading skills. In our ever-more complex society, in which reading has become more and more crucial for success, this, in itself, is an important reason to spend time reading for enjoyment.

Some readers, however, are able to go beyond basic reading techniques and are able to practice higher thinking skills by reflecting on what they have read and how what they read affects them. It is this act of reflection—that is, stopping to think about what you are reading—that this summer reading assignment is attempting to encourage.

I hope you enjoy reading these books and that the act of responding to what you have read increases your enjoyment.

These two assignments are due **Friday, September 9, 2011**. They are worth a total of **150 points**.

Please do not hesitate to email me if you have questions or comments as you are reading!

Happy reading!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Rollema".

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The Pearl
By John Steinbeck

Directions: As you read each chapter, complete the given assignment. Not every chapter will have an assignment. Your assignment should be typed using standard MLA format *unless a handout is provided on which to record your response.*

Night
By Elie Wiesel

Directions: Included in this packet are sixty-three response journal topics. After you read the indicated sections, choose the questions to which you will respond. Please type your response using standard MLA format. Each journal should be at least one paragraph (at least ½ page). Please use a new piece of paper for each journal.

Pages 3-28: Choose THREE journals

Pages 28-65: Choose TWO journals

Pages 66-98: Choose TWO journals

Pages 99-115: Choose TWO journals

Wrap-up: Choose ONE journal

Please keep in mind that there may be more than one right answer to these prompts, and there is no one direction in which you must go.

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