

Summer Reading – Pioneer Valley Christian Academy 2017

Entering Grade/Course: Grade 9 Honors / English

Books/Authors: *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles and *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakasuki Houston and James D. Houston

Required to purchase? No, but preferred, at local bookstore or online

Requirements: Discussion questions– see below

Evaluation: See below

Late enrollees: Students who have admissions meetings after Friday, August 11, 2017, need to read and complete written work for *A Separate Peace*

Note from your teacher: Welcome to Grade 9 Honors English! I trust that you are enjoying your summer and that this online summer reading experience will be a blessing to you. Please read the requirements listed below.

Requirements:

Both of the assigned texts are set in the United States during World War II, but they examine different wartime time experiences. Answer each of the questions below for each assigned book. Answers should be three-five paragraphs long and should include direct quotes from the books for support. All answers should be typed and double-spaced. Please be prepared to submit your work on the second day of school.

1. What is the author's attitude toward the war?
2. In the text, the narrator struggles with his/her understanding of identity. Explain the narrator's difficulty in understanding and accepting his/her identity.
3. The author uses the literary device, flashback, in order to tell the story. Identify three uses of flashback and explain the importance of each to the work as a whole.