

Summer Reading Assignments CP English II

BOOK I: *The Help*

Reader Response Journal

Type a two-column Reader's Response Journal, in which you explore significant quotes or passages in *The Help*. You **MUST** cite page numbers for each quotation.

The first column should have the quotation/passage and page number. The second column should have your explanation of its significance. Your responses should be both literary and personal. Here is an example:

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| <p>"All my life I'd been told what to believe about politics, coloreds, being a girl. But with Constantine's thumb pressed in my hand, I realized I actually had a choice about what to believe." (p 84)</p> | <p>This quote was said by Skeeter. It is important in terms of her character development, because it shows the importance of her relationship with Constantine, her family's black maid, and it shows her revelation in realizing that she didn't have to follow societal norms. Skeeter is not like the other white female characters in the book. She is an independent woman, who rebels in order to make a change. Within the historical context of the book, women (and men) who did this were necessary in changing the way minorities were viewed. This idea of change is one of the major themes of the novel. This made me think about the women who really did fight for these kinds of changes, because they have allowed me to live in a world in which I am afforded many freedoms and opportunities.</p> |
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15 well-written, thoughtful responses = A

10 well-written, thoughtful responses = B

5 well-written, thoughtful responses = C

BOOK II: *The Great Gatsby*

Timed Writing

When you return to school, you will be asked to write a timed essay on *The Great Gatsby*. You will be given one essay question, and you will be expected to use your novel to find quotations to develop your response to the question. You **MUST** know the book well in order to complete this task successfully!

