

## **Honors English 11th Grade-Summer Reading**

**Book 1: Read *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer and complete the 10 journal entries.**

**Book 2: Choose one from the list and be prepared to take a test on 8/12.**

*In the Lake of the Woods* by Tim O'Brien (any version) mature content

ISBN 978-0-618-70986 Written by the same author as *The Things They Carried*, Tim O'Brien's novel is a depiction of a soldier returning from war and building a life again—but the effects of the war are too far reaching. This is suspenseful, so get ready for a surprise ending!

*In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote (any version) mature content

A nonfiction story of the Clutter family who is murdered and the hunt for the killers. This is a story that will reveal the psychology of crime and its effects.

*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines

Set in the fictional community of Bayonne, Louisiana, in the late 1940s, *A Lesson Before Dying* tells the story of Jefferson, a twenty-one-year-old uneducated black field worker wrongfully accused and convicted of the robbery and murder of a white man, and sentenced to death by electrocution.

*The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan

This story describes the lives of four Asian women who fled China in the 1940s and their four very Americanized daughters. The novel focuses on Jing-mei "June" Woo, a thirty-six-year-old daughter, who, after her mother's death, takes her place at the meetings of a social group called the Joy Luck Club.

*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie (mature content)

This is a first-person narrative novel by Sherman Alexie, from the perspective of a Native American teenager, Arnold Spirit Jr., also known as "Junior", a 14-year-old promising cartoonist.

*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life - until the unthinkable happens.

## Assignment Directions

Divide your paper in 2 sections:

### **Left Side**

Record specific “passages” from the book. Use quotation marks and include page numbers

### **Right Side**

Explain your comments, thoughts, reactions and ideas about the passage.

**A minimum of 10 journal entries are required**

Set up your paper to look like this example:

Passage Copied from the Text	Page #	Personal Response Comentry
<p>“I knew that as Safina and I got older, we’d be expected to cook and clean for our brothers. We could become doctors because female doctors were needed to care for female patients. But we couldn’t be lawyers or engineers, fashion designers or artists - or anything else we dreamed of. And we wouldn’t be allowed to go outside our homes without a male relative to accompany us.”</p>	18	<p>Wow! I didn’t realize how different life in outer countries can be. I think it is unfair that girls have limited opportunities and are expected to take care of their brothers. I can’t imagine my mother or aunts not being allowed to go outside our home without a male relative to escort them. Life is very different for women in other parts of the world.</p>

If you are having trouble thinking of what to write for your personal responses, try these sentence starters...

- I really like (or dislike) this part because...
- I wonder why...
- I predict that...
- I think the characters should...
- This reminds me of a time when I...

### Grading Criteria

Learning Target >>	4	3	2	1
Left Side: Passage/Examples from book	All spelling, capitalization, and punctuation is correct	Few spelling, capitalization, and punctuation errors	Several spelling, capitalization, and punctuation errors	Many spelling, capitalization, and punctuation errors
Right Side: Explain your comments and ideas	Ideas and comments thoroughly explain all passages	Ideas and comments explain all passages	Ideas and comments explain most passages	Ideas and comments explain some passages