Parkway Christian School





Honors World Literature 2023-2024 Summer Reading

9th and 10th-grade American Literature students are required to read both of the following books:

- Overwhelmed: Winning the War against Worry by Perry Noble
- Night by Ellie Weisel

Assignments with *Overwhelmed*: Winning the War against Worry <u>all assignments must be turned into Google Classroom on the first day of class.</u>

Teacher Tips: Overwhelmed is a Christ-centered book about overcoming stress, anxiety, and depression. **Some of the contents deal with depression, suicidal thoughts, and sexual immorality**. The book shows us how we can rely on Jesus to help walk us through these tough times in life and that sometimes it's okay to not be okay. It is both comforting and challenging to read. The chapters in this book are anywhere from 3-10 pages, so consider it as a devotional book where you can read a chapter a day alongside your daily bible reading.

Complete three written responses answering the following questions:

Written response 1: Chapter 8 discussed four warning signs that you're headed for a "crash". Which of the four signs do you resonate with the most, and what can you do this year in order to help you to overcome this warning sign and avoid burning out and dealing with anxiety, depression ect. Your response must be typed in MLA format and be 2 paragraphs long in 6-8 full sentences per paragraph. This is due on the first day of school and turned in on Google Classroom.

Written response 2: Chapters 23, 24, and 25 discuss three reasons the author gives as to why we do not fully trust God. Which do you find is more common in your generation? In what ways do you think your generation needs to change in order to fully trust God more in these "Trust Struggles"? Your response must be typed in MLA format and be 2 paragraphs long in 6-8 full sentences per paragraph. This is due on the first day of school and turned in on Google Classroom.

Written response 3: Chapter 13 talks about the idea of "sticky notes" to help us remember how much God loves us and that when we forget that we leave ourselves vulnerable to feeling overwhelmed. What would be your 4 "divine sticky notes" that you would create to help remind yourself of how much God loves you. What circumstances in your life would you need your "divine sticky notes". Your response must be typed in MLA format and be 2 paragraphs long in 6-8 full sentences per paragraph. This is due on the first day of school and turned in on Google Classroom.

Assignment with Night by Ellie Weisel

- → Complete three tasks from the Project Menu (attached).
 - three items from the choice board should be either typed, handwritten, or hand drawn prior to coming to class on the first day.
 - ◆ Label each selection with a title.
 - Follow directions from the Project Menu for the tasks selected.
- → Students will also be tested on the novel during the first week of school.

All assignments are due on the first day of school.

Night Project Menu

Choose three of the following to complete.

Night Poetry:

Use a paragraph or two from *Night* (section 5 pg. 63 has a lot of good passages) to create a poem. Create the poem by putting the exact words from the passage into a poem format. Decide where to divide each excerpt into lines and stanzas.

You should do three of these. Each one should be typed or neatly written on a separate page and have an image that illustrates the ideas.

Your poetry divisions should show careful thought.

Quotes:

Choose ten significant quotes from the book. For each one, create a quote page with the quote and an image. On the back, write the page number it is on and two sentences explaining why it is significant to the story.



Pictorial Timeline:

Create a timeline for Elie's journey. Be sure to include dates and pictures. (The pictures can be of the different camps, the ghettos, etc.) You can also draw images to represent important parts of the story. You should have at least 15 events and 7 pictures.

Conflict:

Create a graphic organizer which illustrates the different types of conflict found in the story. For each type of conflict include at least two examples, one quote, and one image.

Letter writing:

Choose two of the following people to write letters to:

- Elie Wiesel
- The French girl who helped him
- Juliek (the musician who froze to death)
- Idek (the person who whipped Elie)
- Elie's father
- Dr. Mengele (the person who did the selections)

Each letter should be at least one page long and show a thoughtful response to the person's actions in the story.

Children of the Holocaust:

Go to

https://tinvurl.com/upa7rrq

Choose four children and read their biographies. Write a summary of each child's story (1 paragraph each) and include an image (this can be their picture, or an image that symbolizes some aspect of their story.)

If you have any questions about this year's summer reading assignments. Please email me at zmerren@parkwaychristian.org