

Advanced English 2: Summer Assignment

Introduction

Welcome to Advanced English 2! In order to prepare you for the following school year in this English class, your teachers have designed this assignment based on reading the novel, *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne.

Novel Summary(taken from books.google.com)

When Bruno returns home from school one day in Berlin, Germany, 1942, he discovers that his belongings are being packed in crates. His father has received a promotion and the family must move from their home to a new house far far away, where there is no one to play with and nothing to do. A tall fence running alongside stretches as far as the eye can see and cuts him off from the strange people he can see in the distance.

But Bruno longs to be an explorer and decides that there must be more to this desolate new place than meets the eye. While exploring his new environment, he meets another boy whose life and circumstances are very different to his own, and their meeting results in a friendship that has devastating consequences.

The Assignment

- 1) Purchase or check out a copy of the novel, *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne. MUST have the novel available to you for the first few weeks of school next year!
- 2) Read the novel and keep a reading journal, following the requirements listed.
- 3) Reading Journal Requirements:
 - Divide the novel into 5 sections of 40 pages each. The 5th section will be longer since it needs to cover the remainder of the novel.
 - Vocabulary
 - For each section, select 10 vocabulary words that you feel need to be explained for a better comprehension of the novel.
 - Write the word, its part of speech, and its definition.
 - Write the sentence from the novel that the word appears in and underline the word in that sentence.

 - Summary
 - For each section, write a plot summary of the pages read. Be sure to describe the setting, characters, problems, conflicts, climax, and resolution if applicable.

 - Personal Response
 - For each section, write your personal response. This is a good place to tell your thoughts about the characters, what you think will happen next, your likes or dislikes, what you believe the author's message is, etc. Also, in the 5th section response, be sure to state whether or not you would recommend this novel to your friends, explaining why or why not.
- 4) The completed Reading Journals are due on DAY 1 of the semester next year! If you do not complete the assignment, you will be beginning the semester with a failing grade, and you will find it difficult to catch up and contribute to the class discussions and assignments.