

**AP English Literature and Composition  
Summer Reading Assignment**

**Work:**

*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

Welcome to Senior AP English. During the coming year you will continue developing reading skills that will enable you to unlock meaning in both older and modern poetry and prose. To that end I have chosen a work that will sharpen your reading skills, provide intellectual stimulation, and add to your ever-increasing cultural awareness.

It will be important that you engage in close reading and textual annotation to do well on reading checks during the first week of class. You will be asked questions that require knowledge of plot details, character motivations, conflicts, themes, and tone. *Spark Notes* and other such “study aids” won’t be of much help.

**You MUST bring a copy of the novel to the first day of class.** The novel **MUST include IN-DEPTH** annotations (Highlights or Underlines **AND** Margin Notes or Sticky Notes).

**You will receive a grade on the first day of class for your annotations.** You will also take a test over the book during the first two days of class.

This work will connect to others throughout the year and was selected to prepare you for the Advanced Placement Literature and Composition exam.

I very much look forward to getting to know you next year. Have a wonderful summer!

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