Grade 10 Independent Reading and Lit Chats

# Independent Reading

Reading books that you enjoy for 2-3 hours a week has benefits which include 1) increased reading stamina, 2) increased reading fluency, and 3) increased vocabulary acquisition. Students in this class are expected to establish a reading routine that meets a 2-3 hour per week requirement early this semester. Below are descriptors about how students will be evaluated.

Independent Reading Evaluation Breakdown

* 3-hour average of reading each week: 100%
* 2-hour average of reading each week: 85%
* Consistently reading during SSR but not at home: 65%
* Inconsistency during SSR and no reading at home: 40%

# Lit Chat

Fridays will feature time to talk about the themes from your independent novels in a small group setting. Although students will be reading from different books, a discussion will blossom from making connections between your novel and the contemporary world – pop culture, politics, youth issues, etc. Students must prepare discussion topics and talking points in advance and then must build upon others’ topics during the discussion through the skill of cooperative talk – a skill that will be covered in class.

Lit Chat Evaluation Breakdown

* Topic and talking points are pre-planned, thought provoking, and open for discussion from other students in the class. During the discussion, the student respectfully enriches group members’ topics.

100%

* Topics and talking points are pre-planned and relevant to most group members. During the discussion, student respectfully adds to the group members’ topics.

85%

* Lack of preparation hinders discussion and adds little to others’ topics.

65%

* It is evident that no preparation occurred, and student does not contribute to group members’ topics

0-40%

Model Text for Discussion Topics and Talking Points

Extraordinary Student

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English

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Novel: *The Picture of Dorian Grey* by Oscar Wilde

Discussion Topic: Lord Henry says, “The mind of the thoroughly well-informed man is a dreadful thing. It is like a bric a brac shop, all monsters and dust, with everything priced above its proper value”. I want to talk about how living in the information age does not make us wiser even with the ability to be so well informed because of the internet.

Talking Points:

* Having information at our fingertips is unhealthy as it limits our use of memory.

Knowing so much about people through social media takes away from the joys of getting to know someone and discovering them more slowly.