

Freshman Honors English Summer Reading

The Pigman by Paul Zindel

Since only one novel is required this summer, the notecards will be graded thoroughly and with severity. **THE NOTECARDS ARE DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN AUGUST FOR BOTH FIRST AND SECOND SEMESTER STUDENTS.** A detailed, major test on this novel will be given the second day of class. Additional novels will be required reading throughout the semester. It is recommended that each student have access to a novel during class discussions. **THIS SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO TAKE THE TEST ON THE NOVEL.** If you have any questions, please call Debbie Harbin at 632-1633 or 645-3226.

Instructions

Use 5 x 8 notecards only.

Write in blue or black ink.

You may write on front and back.

Label each section.

Initial each card.

Title card required—Put title of book, student name, and which semester you have English on a card at the front of the set of cards.

Put a rubber band around the set of cards.

Complete sentences required on plot summary only. Other information may be written in factual/listing form.

- I. Author's background (fill up front of one card)
 - A. Significant facts
 - B. Why did the author write this book?
 - C. What facts in his background probably contributed to his work?
- II. Literary Period/Country (one half of card) What was happening in the world when this book was written?
- III. Setting (one to two statements) time and place of novel (BE SPECIFIC)
- IV. Characters
 - A. List major characters and any minor characters who contributed to the novel.
 - B. Describe these characters as you would when writing a character sketch.
- V. Theme: Novels may have more than one theme. One to two sentences will be sufficient.
- VI. Plot Summary (two cards) This section should be very thorough.
- VII. Literary Devices: Find examples of literary terms that you have studied in previous English classes (imagery, personification, irony, metaphor, simile, allusion, foreshadowing, etc.) List at least four different terms and examples including page numbers.
- VIII. Literary Criticism (one to two sides of card)
 - A. This will require a trip to a library.
 - B. What do the critics have to say about this author and this novel in particular? Do not use the criticism included in the novel. Find other sources with literary criticism.
 - C. Remember that literary criticism can be positive or negative.
 - D. Cite your source by making a complete bibliography entry. Writer's Inc. books will explain correct bibliographic form.

Materials needed for class

Three ring binder, college (narrow) ruled paper, dividers, blue or black ink pens and pencils.

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