

Summer Reading Assignment English 9 (all levels)

Last to Leave Home by Carolyn Baker

STEP ONE: Read and Take Notes

- While reading the memoir, take note when something makes you think or react strongly.

You may either:

1. take notes on a separate sheet of paper
or
2. mark in the book with underlining/highlighting and notes in the margins.)

STEP TWO: Complete the Written Assignment (250-350 words per entry)

- Choose two sections/events from the book to which you had a strong reaction and do the following for each one:

- Pretend that you are one of the characters and write very neatly or type a journal entry from the point of view of that character. As you take on the persona of that character in that moment, be sure to include these aspects:

- your thoughts and feelings, as the character, when remembering that event
- how you grew or changed positively as a person or the struggles you faced with yourself or other people in the story
- specific details images that you, as the character, remember about the people and the setting around you (sights, sounds, smells)
- any lessons that you may have learned that day

Use your understanding of the characters and the message of the book and your creativity to write these. Do NOT simply re-write the author's words or phrases in your entry; this is plagiarism.

On the first day of school, your teacher will:

1. look in your book to see that you have underlined/highlighted sections AND written your reactions and notes in the margins of the page, OR check your handwritten notes on separate paper.
2. collect your TWO typed or neatly written journal entries; each entry should be 300 to 350 words in length.

Please remember that you must also read the additional book books on the summer reading list according to the level (General, College Prep, or Honors) you will be taking in the fall.