

Tenth-grade Summer Reading Assignment

Choose one of the following books:

Ellen Foster by Kaye Gibbons

or

Siddhartha by Herman Hesse

- Complete a journal assignment in which you analyze the theme, characters, and setting for the novel as it relates to you personally. In other words, what do you think about what is happening in the book? Why do the characters act as they do? What is your reaction to events and characters in the book? If anything or anyone reminds you of something or someone in your own life, say so. Also include your evaluation of the book. What did you like, dislike, or find particularly interesting about the book? **Do not summarize the book.**

- Be sure to include any experiences you have, people you know or have known, or any observances you have made that in some way helps you to understand why the characters behave as they do in the book.

- Include quotes from the books to help you illustrate or substantiate what you are saying.

- Do not write a summary of the book.**

- Due during the first week of school.

- The novels will be discussed in class, and you may have a test during the first week of school on the book you read.

- Journals may be hand-written neatly or typed in 12 point Times or Times Roman typeface. Decorative typefaces will not be accepted. Please turn in papers that are stapled together in the upper left-hand corner. Do not turn in spiral-bound notebooks, composition books, or report covers or folders.