

Haddonfield Memorial High School
Summer Assignment Cover Sheet

Course: Contemporary Novels

Teacher(s): Mr. Usher

Due Date(s): 9/10/10

Grade Weight (%) of Quarter 1: Quiz grade (approximately 5%)

NJ Core

Curriculum Standards:

3.1.12.A.2 Identify interrelationships between and among ideas and concepts within a text, such as cause-and-effect relationships.

3.1.12.G.2 Analyze how our literary heritage is marked by distinct literary movements and is part of a global literary tradition.

3.2.12.D.2 Write a variety of essays (for example, a summary, an explanation, a description, a literary analysis essay) that:

- Develops a thesis
- Creates an organizing structure appropriate to purpose, audience and context
- Includes relevant information and excludes extraneous information
- Makes valid inferences
- Supports judgments with relevant and substantial evidence and well-chosen details
- provides a coherent conclusion

Description of Assignment:

Students are to select and read a memoir. After reading the selection, students should type a three-paragraph response to the book summarizing the book and discussing what you liked or disliked about the writing or plot. Your assignment should be single-spaced and include the proper MLA heading.

Purpose of Assignment:

Assignment is designed to encourage lifelong readers by introducing students to the memoir genre.

Specific Expectations:

The written response should be reflective and written with an academic tone.

Potential Help Sources:

Contact Mr. Usher at wusher@haddonfield.k12.nj.us.

Please see your teacher's eboard for additional information.

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English 12 CP

Assignment

Read a memoir of your own choice. The memoir should not be something read for another class in Middle School or HMHS. Once you have completed the memoir, you should type a three-paragraph response to the book, summarizing the book and discussing what you liked or disliked about the writing or plot. Your assignment should be single-spaced and include the proper MLA heading. This assignment is due on September 10th.

We hope you enjoy your summer and take pleasure in your reading! We look forward to an exciting year with you at Haddonfield Memorial High School! The following list contains the titles the class of 2010 found most enjoyable.

Novel [Memoir title]	Author	Helpful links for more information
<i>A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier</i>	Ishmael Beah	http://www.nytimes.com/2007/01/14/magazine/14soldier.t.html
<i>A Three Dog Life</i>	Abigail Thomas	http://www.nytimes.com/2007/02/25/books/review/Boyd.t.html
<i>Alex Zanardi: My Sweetest Victory</i>	Alex Zanardi	
<i>Beautiful Boy</i>	David Sheff	Father's story of son's (Nic Sheff) addiction
<i>Blue rage: Black redemption</i>	Stanley Tookie Williams	http://www.tookie.com/about.tookie's.memoir.html
<i>Born Standing Up: A Comic's Live</i>	Steve Martin	http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=16629674
<i>Burnt Toast</i>	Teri Hatcher	
<i>Down Around Midnight</i>	Robert Sabbag	http://www.onpointradio.org/2009/08/down-around-midnight-by-robert-sabbag-excerpt
<i>Father, Son & Co: My Life at IBM and Beyond</i>	Thomas J. Watson, Jr.	
<i>Flags of Our Fathers</i>	James Bradley with Ron Powers	
<i>Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic</i>	Alison Bechdel	
<i>Growing Up</i>	Russell Baker	http://www.brothersjudd.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/reviews.detail/book_id/527/Growing%20Up.htm
<i>Hole in my Life</i>	Jack Gantos	
<i>Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly</i>	Anthony Bourdain	
<i>Leaving Dirty Jersey</i>	James Salant	http://www.simonsays.com/content/book.cfm?tab=10&pid=5264

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<i>Lone Survivor: The Eye Witness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of SEAL Team 10</i>	Marcus Luttrell	http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/10/AR2007061001492.html
<i>Look Me in the Eye</i>	John Elder Robison	
<i>Me: Stories of My Life</i>	Katharine Hepburn	
<i>Night</i>	Elie Wiesel	
<i>Personal History</i>	Katharine Graham	
<i>Running with scissors</i>	Augusten Burroughs	
<i>Scar Tissue</i>	Anthony Kiedis	
<i>Searching for Sound</i>	Phil Lesh	
<i>Teacher Man or Angela's Ashes</i>	Frank McCourt	http://roomfordebate.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/07/24/memoirs-and-mccourt/?scp=1-b&sq=teacher+man+mccourt&st=nyt
<i>The Glass Castle</i>	Jeannette Walls	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IW0XVno-0gM
<i>The Last Lecture</i>	Randy Pausch	http://www.thelastlecture.com/
<i>The Liars' Club</i>	Mary Karr	
<i>The Time of my Life</i>	Patrick Swayze	http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/32874430/ns/today-today_books/
<i>Three Weeks with My Brother</i>	Nicholas and Micah Sparks	http://www.highlandco.org/BookReviews/3weeks.html
<i>Trainwreck: My Life as an Idiot</i>	Jeff Nichols	
<i>Tweak</i>	Nic Sheff	Story of his addiction
<i>Waiter Rant: Thanks For the Tip – Confessions of a Cynical Waiter</i>	Steve Dublanica	http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5704350
<i>Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High</i>	Melba Pattillo Beals	http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/09/nyregion/nyregionspecial2/09littlerockwe.html
<i>With the Old Breed</i>	E. B. Sledge	
<i>Without a map</i>	Meredith Hall	http://meredithhall.org/