

English II Summer Reading

Welcome to the JCA summer reading program. Follow these instructions and you will be well prepared for the first day of English class! Complete the assignments listed in these student guides and record them in a notebook. Your notebook will be graded. The score will be the first major grade recorded for the first quarter. Please note the curriculum level in which you have been placed: H - Honors, U - Upper College Prep, and C - College Prep. You are required to read only the books in the level to which you have been assigned. You may read all three selections if you wish!

English II H *Rebecca* by Daphne de Maurier
 Bleachers by John Grisham

English II U *Tears of a Tiger* by Sharon M. Draper
 Bleachers by John Grisham

English II C *Bleachers* by John Grisham

Bleachers by John Grisham

1. Describe the journey of self-discovery the main character, Neely Crenshaw, takes throughout the story.
What is he searching for upon his return to Messina?
How has his relationship with Coach Eddie Rake changed over the years?
Discuss the timeline of their relationship and the major events that have caused these changes.
2. Discuss the effect of Coach Rake on the lives of the following characters:
A) Paul Curry
B) Silo Mooney
C) Mal Brown
D) Nat Sawyer
How did the teaching of Coach Rake make each of these characters stronger?
Why was Coach Rake so important to the success they reached in their lives?
3. At many times throughout the novel, different characters tell of their indecision of whether they loved or hated Coach Rake.
Name and explain at least three reasons that people hated him.
Name and explain at least three reasons that people loved him.
At the end of the novel which is the more dominant emotion?
Why can the town so easily dismiss the other feelings?
4. What is the lesson that Eddie Rake taught to all of his players?
Does this lesson apply to success for all people?
What can readers take from the coach's teachings and apply to their own lives and they strive toward success each day?

***Tears of a Tiger* by Sharon M. Draper**

1. After the tragic accident, who is Andy treated at school by the people not close to him?
Do those people have a right to express their opinions?
2. How does Andy try to make his life better after the tragedy?
Why does he feel these are the best actions for him to take for his life?
3. What are the actions that Andy takes that lead to the gradual decline and loss of control in his life?
Why are his family and friends unable to help him during these times?
4. Why is Andy's final decision seen as a coward's way out?
What is the effect of Andy's final decision on the following people?
A) his parents D) Rhonda F) B.J.
B) Monty E) Tyrone H) Gerald
C) Keisha

***Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier**

1. Answer the following questions about this list of characters:
A) Who are they?
B) What important actions do they do?
C) What is their effect on the narrator?

1. Maxim de Winter	6. Frank Crawley
2. Mrs. Van Hopper	7. Jack Flavell
3. Mrs. Danvers	8. Colonel Julyan
4. Rebecca de Winter	9. Ben
5. Beatrice	
2. What are the changes that take place in the narrator from her introduction to the end of the novel?
What are the causes for these changes?
3. What is the mystery surrounding Rebecca de Winter?
How is this mystery finally solved?
How does this solution affect the lives of the narrator and Maxim de Winter?
4. What unexpected event, or cliffhanger, occurs at the end of the novel?
The book does not clearly state the cause of the event. Who do you believe to be responsible for the event and what are their reasons?