

IB 11 Summer Reading Journal 2011

Students entering the 11th grade IB English class for the 2011-2012 school year are required to complete a reading journal for the assigned summer reading text. This journal is due when students return to school in the fall. Journal guidelines and the requirements are provided below. These are specific writing/reflection requirements that complement the reading assignment for this class. Please follow them.

Required Text for IB 11 Summer Reading:

All the Pretty Horses, Cormac McCarthy

The novel is available through the English Department.

Use a composition notebook for your journal. These are the black and white “retro-looking” notebooks. Do *not* use spirals or full-sized “bound” notebooks—they fall apart!

The Specific Assignments TO BE COMPLETED FOR *All the Pretty Horses*:

1. Select a passage of 20 - 25 lines and copy or attach a photocopy in your journal. In response to the passage, write one or more well-developed paragraphs about why you find this passage to be interesting and insightful to your understanding of the work.
2. Identify and explain the use of one literary device/technique used in the selected passage. For example, does McCarthy use figurative language in this passage? If so, identify the specific type of figurative language being used and how it contributes to the overall effect of the novel.

Your response for each question should be 5 - 7 sentences in length and **should include the page number of the passage** you are discussing.