



Summer Reading Assignment:

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Honors FOL 9

Date _____ Blk _____

All Honors English courses have reading requirements. Complete the reading prior to your class, whether it is in the fall or spring semester. Choose a text (fiction or nonfiction) that interests you AND is 9th grade appropriate, both in content and reading level. While reading your text, complete the following assignment:

Directions: While you are reading your text, identify **5 memorable quotes**. These quotes should resonate with you and have **significant meaning** to you and/or to the story.

1. Use DocHub or Kami to record each quote in the chart below.
2. For each quote, please use at least 5 complete sentences to explain the following:
 - a. Why is this quote significant to you?
 - b. How is the quote significant to the larger text?

Memorable Quotes	Significance
1. "I have hated words, and I have loved them, and I hope I have made them right."	a. This reminded me of a quote from Albus Dumbledore. He talks about how words are an "inexhaustible form of magic" capable of inflicting or remedying pain. I love both of these quotes because they speak to the importance of words and how we use them to help or hurt others. b. I think this has an impact on the story because it develops the theme about the power of our words and language and the importance of choosing them wisely. I think this impacts not necessarily the characters, but the reader because we can start to see the universal message being conveyed in the story.

2. "I wanted to explain that I am constantly overestimating and underestimating the human race- that rarely do I ever simply estimate it."	a. I found this quote interesting and memorable because it reminds us, as readers, that humans can disappoint or exceed our expectations and sometimes we need to adjust those expectations to suit the situation. I like that they say that they rarely "simply estimate" because that word simply is ironic. This isn't simple. Life and human beings are complex, so this quote makes the story relatable and connected to the real world. b. This quote is significant because it develops a theme in the book which is that we need to be careful about how we perceive others and how we treat them based on our expectations. All readers can understand this and have either personally witnessed/experienced this theme or seen examples of this within history.
3. "People observe the colours of a day only at its beginnings and ends, but to me it's quite clear that a day merges through a multitude of shades and intonations with each passing moment."	a. This reminded me of my grandmother. She always would remind us to not just look for the beauty when it is obvious, but all the time, and I think this quote is saying the same thing. We only pay attention to the colors when it is obvious (sunrise and sunsets), but there is beauty all the time. It also reminds me of the changing of seasons. I always think how ugly everything feels/seems at the end of winter/start of spring, but if you pay attention there are so many beautiful details to pay attention to during this time (buds on the trees, melting snow, etc.) b. Again, this quote is helpful to readers in understanding a universal message of not taking the small things for granted. There is beauty in all situations, and the author, through this quote, is sharing that idea to help the readers understand that as well.

4. "The only sign of war was a cloud of dust migrating from east to west. It looked through the windows, trying to find a way inside, and as it simultaneously thickened and spread, it turned the trail of humans into apparitions."

a. This line was memorable because it is a great example of imagery. It builds suspense and it creates tension. The idea that the cloud of dust (war) was looking through windows and trying to find a way inside was a great way to show how intrusive it was to the lives of the characters. I also liked that they used apparition instead of ghost.

b. This quote is impactful in not only creating a visual/imagery, but also in setting the mood. Through this description of the dust "migrating" through the town, we can picture this warzone and also feel the desperation, loneliness, and gloom. It is impactful because it sets the stage for the next conflict in the text.

5. "A human doesn't have a heart like mine. The human heart is a line, whereas my own is a circle...The consequence of this is that I'm always finding humans at their best and worst. I see their ugliness and their beauty and I wonder how the same thing can be both."

a. This is memorable because it was at the end and it brought the whole story to a close. The idea that death was the narrator and is able to be an all-knowing presence was described perfectly here. I love the contrasts between the living and death here, and how it is again describing how life and humans are complex and how they are, by nature, not simple and can be multiple things at once where something like death is simple, concrete, straightforward, and constant.

b. This is such an impactful quote because it reveals the major twist at the end of the story. By explaining the human heart in this way, we are able to infer that the narrator is not human and instead death personified. This is so impactful because it puts everything into perspective and as the reader reflects back on the story, they are able to identify aspects of the story that hinted at this ironic twist.