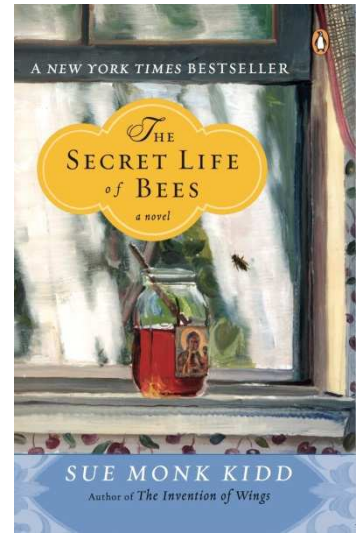


English 10 2017-2018
Summer Reading and Assignments
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Welcome to 10th grade English!

This summer, you must read *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. This book explores some of the themes we will discuss as part of our study of American Literature and the history that has shaped it.

You will need to complete **THREE** of the assignments listed below and turn them in on the first day of school. There will be a **READING QUIZ** on this book during the first week of school.



- Assignments must be **AT LEAST** one full page of writing to receive full credit.
- The **ASSIGNMENT NUMBER** must be included at the top of the page.

Assignment Options:

1. Write a diary entry as one of the characters in the novel. Explore his/her secret emotions, thoughts, history, ideas for the future, and thoughts about others. (For example, write Deborah's diary explaining what *really* happened to her.)
2. Pretend you are one of the characters. It's 20 years from the end of the novel. Write a letter to another character in the book about what you've been doing with your life. (For example, does Lily see her father again?)
3. Write an exchange of letters between any two characters in the book that take place **DURING** the action of the book. Be sure to discuss specific events.
4. Write a "next chapter" after the end of the novel.
5. August lived in Richmond, Virginia in the 1920s and 1930s. Research what life was like in that area of our country during that time period. Based on your research, explain what life would be like for August with Deborah, Lily's mother. (Be sure to list the names of websites used!)
6. Explain how the words and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are reflected in this novel. Be specific! (You may need to do some research for this one. Be sure to list the names of websites used!)
7. Create a visual depicting a character or scene from the novel. Your visual should take up an entire page, and it **MUST** include color. You can include captions/dialogue bubbles to make the scene easier to understand. ****You MUST include a paragraph explaining WHY you selected this scene for your visual. This can be written on the back.**

Feel free to e-mail me over the summer with any questions!

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