

ENGLISH 2

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10th grade Summer Reading Assignment

Congratulations! You have completed your freshman year of High School! My name is Eleanor McKinley, and I will be your English teacher for the 10th grade. I am excited to have the opportunity to be your teacher this year. Over the summer, you will be reading two of my favorite books and completing a minor assignment for each book. That you will turn in the first day, you are in my class.

The books you will be reading this summer are two of my favorites:

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch*

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Writing Component: Must Be Typed. Hand-written assignments will not be accepted. Students will write one analytical thesis statement for the book, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian. Your thesis statement may provide a critical look at the themes presented in the book and/or how the themes affect the reader.

Note: A Thesis Statement a short statement, usually, one sentence, that presents the main point or claim of your essay, research paper, etc., and is developed, supported, and explained in the text utilizing examples and evidence. A theme is an underlying message about life or human nature the writer wants the reader to understand.

Creative Component: Students will keep a small journal while reading, The Last Lecture. While you read, you will break the book into five sections, sections will be the student choice, and write a personal reflection of each section. Each reflection entry will be labeled with the page numbers included in the section. Please select a quote from the section and transcribe it accurately at the top of the page. Below the quote, elaborate on why you chose this quote. Did you agree with it? Did you not agree with it? What drew you to this quote? Personal reflections are to a MAXIMUM of 150 words.

Upon entering class, students should be ready for a comprehension test based on both books.

*There is an hour lecture on this book on YouTube, but simply watching the video will not enable you to complete the assignment.