

The Hero's Journey
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Summer Reading 2023

Select one of the titles from Page Two and complete the Independent Reading log.
DUE DATE: Your responses are due to TURNITIN Friday, August 25, 2023.
This is an assessment of your reading and your writing. Please do not collaborate with peers or seek assistance from online sources or AI.

Independent Reading Log Assignment (Complete each of the following):

- **The Known World:** *the opening chapters will portray the ordinary everyday life of the hero. Who is the protagonist? What are the conditions of their life? What conflict do they face? Do they have a dream, goal, or NEED that cannot be satisfied under their current circumstances, or what is "out of balance" in their life? What is their Call to Adventure? (Approximately 300 words)*
- **Separation:** *at what point does the HERO leave their familiar, or known, world and enter into an unfamiliar world? For example: Do they leave home? Or, enter a new school, or embark on a journey? (Approximately 200 words)*
- **Transformation:** *this part of the Hero's Journey will make up the bulk of the novel. What challenges and/or temptations does the hero face? Does the hero have helpers or a mentor? (Approximately 600 words)*
- **The Abyss:** *where does the hero face their greatest fear or challenge? Is there evidence of a symbolic death and rebirth? (Approximately 200 words)*
- **Revelation:** *does the hero experience an epiphany or a new way of seeing the world and their role in it? (Approximately 100 words)*
- **Atonement:** *the new self is fully integrated; evidence that attachment to ego has given way to altruism, sincerity, and empathy; there may be a reconciliation with a father (or mother) figure; evidence that the "hero" is prepared for the Return. What evidence is there to suggest that the hero has reached atonement? (Approximately 100 words)*
- **Return to the Known:** *a Gift (the hero returns to "normalcy" with a new skill, knowledge, or values that benefit "the greater good." By the end of the novel, what evidence suggests that the hero has reintegrated into society? (Approximately 200 words)*

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Please select one of the following titles as your summer reading:

- **The Song of the Lark (1915) By Willa Cather**
- **The Curious Incident of the the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon**
- **Demon Copperhead: A Novel by Barbara Kingsolver**
- **What the Fireflies Knew: A Novel by Kai Harris**
- **Sooley by John Grisham**
- **Peach Blossom Spring by Melissa Fu**
- **Boston Girl: A Novel by Anita Diamant**