



Professional Performing Arts School

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8th Grade ELA Summer Reading Assignment 2022

Hello Future 8th Grader,

Welcome to 8th grade ELA at PPAS! Although our class won't be meeting until September, the work that you do now will pave the way for your success throughout the school year. Please complete these assignments thoughtfully: they are the first pieces of evidence we'll see of your capabilities as an 8th grade ELA student, so put your best foot forward!

You can find the assignments listed below. If any major questions or concerns do arise, you (and your parents or guardians) can reach us throughout the summer at akurasz@ppasshare.org or skaufman@ppasshare.org.

Best,
Mrs. Kurasz and Mrs. Kaufman

READ	Read <i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> by Sue Monk Kidd
WRITE	Write a dialectical journal in which you choose ten quotes (dialogue or narration) from <i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> that are significant to you and explain what you think about them or what questions they raise for you. You can use the next page of this assignment, which includes an example (that will <i>not</i> count towards your ten quotes), as a model. Your dialectical journal can be either typed or handwritten. Your ten quotes be spaced out throughout the book.
CREATE	Create a collage that represents one lesson that Lily had to learn in the novel. Think outside of the box. Your collage should be colorful and feature very little negative (blank) space. It should be the size of a sheet of computer paper. While you can print images out, your collage should not be digital - there should be actual cutting with scissors and pasting with glue involved. Absolutely no images should come from book covers or the film that is based on the book!

Please bring all assignments with you on the first day of school, Thursday, September 8th!

Dialectical Journal for *The Secret Life of Bees*

Quote	Page #	Response
<p><i>Mrs. Kurasz's example:</i> "I want to say they showed up like the angel Gabriel appearing to the Virgin Mary, setting events in motion I could never have guessed. I know it is presumptuous to compare my small life to hers, but I have reason to believe she wouldn't mind; I will get to that."</p>	2	<p>The way Lily easily references religion here makes it clear that it is important to her. For someone who is religious, it would be VERY bold to a) compare themselves to the Virgin Mary and b) to presume to know how the Virgin Mary would feel about something, so this tells us a lot about Lily's character. She seems to be religious, but not playing by Christianity's typical rules.</p>