

**Summer Reading Assignment 2021: 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grades**  
**Modern World Literature and Writing**

**COLLEGE PREPARATORY AND HONORS:**

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

**HONORS ONLY:** The Chosen by Chaim Potok

This assignment must be completed for **each** book by the first day of class to prepare for an assignment your English teacher will give you the first few days of school. Please be specific and thorough with your answers. For **each** book, answer the following questions. Be sure to write the title of the book (book titles are italicized or underlined) and the author's name.

1. What are your initial thoughts about this story? You should reflect on the plot, characters, conflict, themes, symbolism, etc.
  
2. Describe the character or person or situation that changes the most from the beginning of the book to the end of the book. Explain the change and what causes it.
  
3. What does this story say about human nature and people in general? How does this story remind you of experiences you have had, or ideas you have seen in other stories, books, movies, television shows, etc.?
  
4. Choose the three (3) of the most important quotations from the book. These should be exact words you find and feel stand out for some reason (it connected with you personally, it was important to the main ideas of the book, it was creative in its wording, etc.). Write the direct quotations and briefly explain why you chose each as significant. Include the page number in MLA format.

**Please use the following guidelines:**

- Typed in 12 pt. font/Double-spaced

- 275-500 word count for each book