Summer Reading Choices: English 3 Honors  
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I am anticipating meeting all of you next semester and delving into some great literature together. To keep your mind agile and ready for this fall, you will need to read one of the following books over the summer and submit a written response to turnitin.com during the second week of school. I will announce the due date on the first day of school.

*Orphan Train*, by Christina Baker Kline

*Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*, by Susan Cain

*The Champion’s Mind: How Great Athletes Think, Train, and Thrive*, by Jim Afremow

*The Nightingale*, by Kristin Hannah

Please look over these choices and read the one that appeals to you the most. The following summaries are from Amazon.com:

*Orphan Train*, by Christina Baker Kline:
Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family, or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude? As a young Irish immigrant, Vivian Daly was one such child, sent by rail from New York City to an uncertain future a world away. Returning east later in life, Vivian leads a quiet, peaceful existence on the coast of Maine, the memories of her upbringing rendered a hazy blur. But in her attic, hidden in trunks, are vestiges of a turbulent past. Seventeen year old Molly Ayer knows that a community service position helping an elderly widow clean out her attic is the only thing keeping her out of juvenile hall. But as Molly helps Vivian sort through her keepsakes and possessions, she discovers that she and Vivian aren’t as different as they appear. A Penobscot Indian who has spent her youth in and out of foster homes, Molly is also an outsider being raised by strangers, and she, too, has unanswered questions about the past. Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, Orphan Train is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship.

*Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can’t Stop Talking*, by Susan Cain:
At least one-third of the people we know are introverts. They are the ones who prefer listening to speaking; who innovate and create but dislike self-promotion; who favor working on their own over working in teams. It is to introverts—Rosa Parks, Chopin, Dr. Seuss, Steve Wozniak—that we owe many of the great contributions to society. In Quiet, Susan Cain argues that we dramatically undervalue introverts and shows how much we lose in doing so. She charts the rise of the Extrovert Ideal throughout the twentieth century and explores how deeply it has come to permeate our culture. She also introduces us to successful introverts, from a high-octane public speaker who recharges in solitude after his talks, to a record-breaking salesman who quietly taps into the power of questions. Passionately argued, superbly researched, and filled with indelible stories of real people, Quiet has the power to permanently change how we see introverts and how they see themselves.
*The Champion’s Mind: How Great Athletes Think, Train, and Thrive*, by Jim Afremow:
Even among the most elite performers, certain athletes stand out as a cut above the rest, able
to outperform in clutch, game-deciding moments. These athletes prove that raw athletic ability
doesn't necessarily translate to a superior on-field experience—it's the mental game that
matters most. Sports participation—from the recreational to the collegiate Division I level—is at
an all-time high. While the caliber of their games may differ, athletes at every level have one
thing in common: the desire to excel. In *The Champion’s Mind*, sports psychologist Jim
Afremow, PhD, offers the same advice he uses with Olympians, Heisman Trophy winners, and
professional athletes, including: How to thrive on a team and how stay humble. With hundreds
of useful tips, breakthrough science, and cutting-edge workouts from the world's top trainers,
*The Champion’s Mind* will help you ensure a longer, healthier, happier lifetime.

The Nightingale, by Kristin Hannah:
With courage, grace and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic
panorama of World War II and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's
war. The Nightingale tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by
ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival,
love, and freedom in German-occupied, wartorn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that
celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for
everyone, a novel for a lifetime.

As you read, take notes on the following:

**Texts with an asterisk (non-fiction):** You will read with the goal of identifying rhetoric.
Examine how rhetoric is used to convince/persuade/manipulate readers to believe
something. Look for tone, powerful diction, syntax, and annotate how literary devices contribute
to rhetorical effectiveness. Label ETHOS/LOGOS/PATHOS throughout the text.

**Texts without an asterisk (fiction):** Identify 12 quotes that demonstrate theme/motif (ensure
you write down page numbers)
- React to the text (consider attaching these to your twelve quotes)
- Identify as many literary devices as you can and note how they impact theme.