

## SUMMER READING 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ENGLISH

Dear Scholars:

Welcome to English! In the fall, you will embark on an interesting, intense, and sometimes challenging journey. However, when we reach the end of our journey in May, you will be immensely proud of what you have accomplished and incredibly pleased with what you have learned.

Your summer assignment consists of reading *All Over but the Shoutin' by Rick Bragg*, and completing a set of dialectical journals.

**Assignment:** Dialectical Journals-You will complete dialectical journal entries **per section (20 total)**.

Sections: Prologue and Section I—8 entries  
Section II—8 entries  
Section III—4 entries

Be certain to have dialectical journal entries based on each of the following types:

- **8** entries about rhetorical devices (similes, metaphors, allusions, hyperbole, onomatopoeia, etc.)
- **2** entries about setting
- **6** entries about characters
- **4** entries about personal opinion
  - *As you read, choose passages that stand out to you and record them in the left-hand column of the chart (ALWAYS include page numbers).*
  - *In the right column, write your response to the text (either personal ideas/insights, questions, reflections, and comments OR an analysis of rhetorical devices).*
  - *Don't forget to include page numbers and entry type.*
  - *Your comments should be 3-5 sentences long and should reflect a thorough understanding of the text and an exemplary knowledge of the English language.*
- Your entries should be typed. Please use the attached template.

Quote-From the Text	Page #	Entry Type	Notes-From Me
"I wanted to tell him that in Kabul, we snapped a tree branch and used it as a credit card."	p.128	Personal opinion/thoughts	This statement typifies the cultural disparities between Afghanistan and America. Clearly, Baba and his father are having a difficult time adjusting to the customs of a new country, so much so that it is causing Baba to use aggression to solve his problems. Although I have traveled extensively, I cannot imagine having to adjust to a new country knowing that I would never be able to leave and experience my homeland again. Baba's anger is almost justified because he is bitter about the war-time situation.
"His shoulder blade felt like a bird's wing under my fingers."	p. 161	Rhetorical Device-Simile	Hosseini's use of a simile here clearly emphasizes the fact that Baba had become too thin, almost emaciated. Comparing Baba's shoulder blade to a bird's wing lets the reader visualize how fragile Babe had become since cancer wreaked havoc on his body. Baba is no longer the strong father that Amir once knew; now he is almost an invalid.

**Your dialectical journals are due 10 days after school starts.**

## Dialectical Journals

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