

English I - III
Summer Reading Assignment
Precis Book Report

A Precis is a ONE paragraph book report that requires the writer to use specific details found in the novel to provide a complete picture of the book that has been read.

You will use your required summer reading book to complete the assignment.

English I – *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson

English II – *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles

English III – *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

Directions:

- Type your Precis in 12 pt Times New Roman font. Double-space your work. (Go to Format. Click on Paragraph. Find Line-spacing. Choose Double.)
- The title of the Precis should “hint” at an important idea or event that happens in the piece and not merely restate the title.
- 1st sentence states the author and title of the work as well as the setting (both time and place).
- 2nd and 3rd sentences introduce two major characters and offer three vivid details about each. The details should discuss physical and personality traits.
- 4th, 5th, 6th sentences provide a summary of the plot. This includes the exposition, climax, and resolution.
- 7th sentence states the theme of the piece. Remember that a theme makes a statement about the topic. (I.e. love, hate, relationships, greed, revenge, forgiveness, etc.) Be sure to explain your statement.
- Use proper spelling, grammar, and mechanics.

*NOTE – Honors students will receive an additional writing assignment for Summer Reading during the first week of school.

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Summer Reading Rubric: Precis

Category	10 Excellent	9 Good	8 Average	7 Lacking	6 Poor
Neatness: 12 pt Times New Roman font, double-spaced					
Contains NO fragments or run-ons					
Uses proper punctuation and capitalization					
Spelling					
Sentence 1: author, title, and setting					
Sentences 2 & 3: two major characters and 3 vivid details					
Sentences 4,5, & 6: summary					
Sentence 7: states theme and explanation					
Title does not merely restate title of book					

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 100 points

You are going to create a poster that represents one of the two remaining summer reading books:

English I – *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok or *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan

English II – *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson or *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

English III – *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway or *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court* by Mark Twain

Use the following as an example:

Book Title Author					Theme
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	Identify a major theme throughout the novel and discuss in a paragraph. (i.e. coming of age; searching for conscience; history in fiction etc.) <div style="text-align: center;">Critical Analysis</div> Tell me YOUR opinion of the book. Did you enjoy it? Did you agree with its message? What was the author’s word choice like? Were there chapters or events that you would have omitted? Site passages that you particularly enjoyed or did NOT enjoy. Write 3-4 paragraphs about your book.
Illustrate five major scenes from the novel. (I suggest that you use the exposition, at least 2 complications, climax, and resolution.)					

You will be graded on the following:

- Neatness 10pts
- Use of space 20pts
- Completion 20pts
- Effort 10pts
- Spelling 10pts
- Grammar (s/v agr; punctuation; sent. str. , cap.) 15pts
- Accuracy of information provided 15pts

*NOTE – paragraphs may be typed in a LEGIBLE font (no frilly stuff) in font sizes 14-16 (for visibility) double-spaced and glued to the poster. **Remember: Demonstrate honor, integrity, and honesty in your work.**