



### **The books**

*Julie* by Catherine Marshall

*Julie is 18 and a senior in high school when she must move with her family to a small town in Western Pennsylvania. While working part-time for her father's struggling newspaper, Julie uncovers a dangerous secret that brings adventure and love into her life. Catherine Marshall is a Christian author, but her stories are never preachy.*

*The Chosen* by Chaim Potok

*In 1940s Brooklyn, New York, an accident throws Reuven Malter and Danny Saunders together. Despite their differences (Reuven is a Modern Orthodox Jew with an intellectual, Zionist father; Danny is the brilliant son and rightful heir to a Hasidic rebbe), the young men form a deep, if unlikely, friendship. Together they negotiate adolescence, family conflicts, the crisis of faith engendered when Holocaust stories begin to emerge in the U.S., loss, love, and the journey to adulthood- Amazon.com.*

*Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

*On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War-Amazon.com. Please understand that there are some violent and emotional scenes in this book that may upset sensitive readers. It is a true story about a very difficult time in history, but it is also a true story of God's redemptive power.*

*The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Emmuska Orczy

This is such a fun book! As one reviewer states on Amazon, this book is “part romance, part adventure [story], and part spy thriller.” It is set during the French Revolution where a mysterious man, the Scarlet Pimpernel, rescues French aristocrats from the guillotine in seemingly miraculous ways. Who is this man and can he continue his dangerous escapades? You will not want this story to end.

### **The Assignment**

Write a two page essay, comparing the book you read over the summer with another book you have read recently, whether in school or out of school. Explain, in essay format, how the two books are similar in TWO specific ways. Use the rubric below as your guide.

### **Rubric**

Essay directly answers the given question	/20
Essay provides adequate and relevant examples from the novel	/25
Essay includes at least four quotations from the novel that serve as examples.	/15
Ideas are presented clearly and logically throughout the essay.	/15
Essay is free from spelling, punctuation, or mechanical mistakes	/15
Essay follows all assignment guidelines	/10

### **Assignment Guidelines**

Font: Times New Roman

Size: 12

Spacing: Double spaced

Margin: 1- 1 1/2 inches

### **Due Date**

Wednesday, August 17, 2016, English Class

Although you may turn the essay in for 10 points off on Thursday, August 18, no essays will be accepted past that point. This does count! It will be the first English grade you receive for the year.