



12th AP Summer Reading

The novels chosen for the 2010-2011 school year are Brave New World by Aldous Huxley and Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer. You are to complete the attached exercises for your first test grade(s) of the semester. There will be 3 separate grades, each counting as a test: (1) Completion of the packet = 3 charts per novel (2) An essay assignment related to both novels. (3) A multiple choice test over the novels.

Writing Assignment

This essay should be typed/double spaced and free of grammar errors.

Both books assigned include a main character that has a troubled child-hood, and both books include a tragic theme. Write a well organized essay (includes standard introduction, detail rich body, and explicit conclusion) in which you compare and contrast these two characters based upon the tragedies in their lives and how each of them ultimately solve the issues that plague them. Close out your essay with your thoughts and supported by specific examples of how the experiences and choices of these two characters relate to you personally or high school students in general.

- If you are downloading this from the school site, make sure you make two copies of each chart - 3 charts per novel = total of 6 charts



Sequence Chart

List major events from your novel in the order of occurrence.

Novel Title	Setting
First	
Next	
Next	
Next	
Next	
Next	
Next	
Last	

Literary Term	Definition	Relevance to Novel
1. Protagonist		
2. Antagonist		
3. Setting		
4. Conflict		
5. Climax		
6. Resolution		
7. Theme		
8. Allusion		
9. Foreshadowing		
10. Point of View		
11. Tone		
12. Symbolism		
13. Irony		
14. Characterization		

