

12th Grade 2019-2020

All 12th grade English students at Berean Christian School are expected to complete a summer reading assignment, as reading over the summer will help each student improve vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills that will make all studies more beneficial to academic achievement. **12th Grade ESE**

English students have one required book for Summer Reading:

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch

I. Overview: Students will complete two assignments based on this book.

1. **Annotations** over the required book will be on **Friday, August 9, 2019 as a test grade**.
2. **A written assignment analyzing a life lesson** from the book will be **due Tuesday, August 20** for a **quiz grade**. **This analysis may be the basis of a writing assignment that will count as a test grade later in the quarter.** The guidelines for the character analysis are listed below. A template is on page three. RenWeb has helpful resources on both MLA formatting and citing, which are also covered in class.

II. Assignment Details

1. Annotations – Test Grade. Use the annotation process we have done in class.

- a. As you read use the following symbols to indicate
 - i. Circle unknown words and define them on a separate piece of paper
 - ii. ☺ = characters
 - iii. ★ = important events or thoughts
 - iv. ? = any questions you have
 - v. Clock = time
- b. After you read
 - i. Title the chapter
 - ii. Write a two – three sentence summary of the chapter

c. You will turn in your book with your annotations AND your vocabulary definitions on Friday, August 9, 2019 for your first Test Grade of the quarter.

2. Life Lesson Analysis – quiz grade

- Choose and record **6** significant quotes that support or illustrate a life lesson which can be learned from the book. These should come from throughout the book and all relate to the same lesson/message, as the goal is to have a group of quotes that represent one lesson/message about life from the book. Record the quotes and your analysis of them using the format explained on page 2. **Be sure to follow the analysis format in step 4 very carefully to receive full credit.**

****Note:** Put sticky notes in the book as you read and find quotes you think are important.

Then do the assignment when you are finished, picking the 6 best quotes.

- You must have a Works Cited page as part of your quote chart. **Assignments submitted without a Works Cited page will not be accepted and will earn a grade of 0.**
- Set up your page using MLA format and title it “Life Lessons from _____”.
- Under the title create a four-column table. *Feel free to use the template on page four.*

- In the left column type the quotes and their in-text citations (the author’s last name and the page number on which the quote is found). Be sure to cite properly, using “ “ and () correctly. For books, use the author’s last name and the page number of the quote.
- In the right columns type out your analysis of the quote. You should **NOT** just sum the quote up.
 - a. Column 2 briefly explain **what is going on at this point in the book** (1-2 sentences)
 - b. Column 3 explain **what life lesson/message the quote shows** (1-2 sentences). Make sure all your quotes show the same lesson/message.
 - c. Column 4 explain **how the quote shows/supports the lesson/message in b** (1 sentence), for a total of 3-5 sentences of your personal analysis per quote.

*The example on the following page has the citations highlighted, and the analysis breakdown highlighted. You do not need to write A,B,C, on the analysis. **This just helps you identify the information you should be writing in your analysis columns.***

Writing Assignment Example:

Student 1

Sample Student

Mrs. Eichner

English I

15 August 2016

Lessons from *To Kill a Mockingbird*

<p>“There's some folks who don't eat like us,’ she whispered fiercely, ‘but you ain't called on to contradict 'em at the table when they don't. That boy's yo' comp'ny and if he wants to eat up the table cloth you let him, you hear?... Don't matter who they are, anybody sets foot in this house's yo' comp'ny, and don't you let me catch you remarkin' on their ways like you was so high and mighty! ” (Lee 25).</p> <p>NOTE – the a, b, c, in the next column just identifies those sections of the requirements.</p>	<p>a. This moment occurs when Scout’s schoolmate, Walter Cunningham, has come over to eat lunch with the family. He has poured molasses all over his food and Scout comments on it, making him feel embarrassed, which is what leads Calpurnia to say this quote to her in private. b. Cal’s words remind both Scout and the reader that every person matters, no matter how different they are. c. She is pointing out that Walter is a human being, and that no matter what he does, Scout should treat him with respect because of that fact. She also points out that humility is needed in order to care for others, as is shown by her last remark.</p>
<p>“Miss Maudie puzzled me. With most of her possessions gone and her beloved yard a shambles, she still took a lively and cordial interest in Jem’s and my affairs. ” (Lee 75).</p>	<p>a. Miss Maudie’s house had burned down the night before, yet in the morning she was talking to Scout and Jem happily and asking about their lives. b. Scout is astonished, and the reader can clearly see the effect of a positive attitude. As Miss Maudie’s actions show, she cares more about people than items, and this attitude helps one understand why she is such a loving and well-loved person. c. It also ties into the lesson from the previous quote about humility because it reminds people humility is needed in order to love others by thinking of them first.</p>



PARENTS AND STUDENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

- As a Christian, a person may wonder, “Should Christians study the classics of literature?” Christians should be aware that man’s writings reflect his inner thoughts. This can be seen throughout a study of literature and the authors’ lives. If we look at secular literature (classics) through discerning eyes, our own faith and testimony can be strengthened. The selections chosen for the reading list are either classic in nature or carry strong literary merit. Berean Christian School cannot be responsible for all content in every selection.
- Please be advised: copied, summarized, or paraphrased information from an internet source, or any other source, is unacceptable. **THIS IS PLAGIARISM!** Be sure to correctly document sources that are used and use your own thoughts based on what you have learned to complete ANY writing assignment. Common knowledge and your own thoughts do NOT need to be documented.



Lessons from *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch

Quote (cited)	What's happening (1-2 sentences)	What life lesson or message does this quote show	How does this quote show or support that lesson?

Student Name: _____