

AP Lit Summer Assignment 2022

For the summer assignment, you are going to need to obtain a copy of the novel "Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro. DO NOT WATCH THE MOVIE! If you spoil the novel, it will ruin the impact of the reading experience and the author's intentions.

Step 1 – Read the novel

Step 2 – As you are reading, you will be doing dialectical notes on each chapter. Your notes for each chapter should be at least a page long. In dialectical notes you are dividing your page/notes into two columns. In the left-hand column, you are going to have textual evidence. In the right-hand column, you are going to present your interpretation/analysis of the text. Your analysis should focus on the following:

- **Setting**
- **Characterization/Character development**
- **Diction/Syntax/Overall use of Language.**
- **Themes** – *Home, Identity, Nostalgia, Memory, Family/Friendship, Conformity, Willful Ignorance, Freewill, A Person's Obligations to Society*
- **Motifs** – *Copies, Fantasy, Art, Loss and Lost Things*
- **Symbols** – *Hailsham, The Song, The Office*

Your dialectical notes/Journal will be due the first week of class.

Rubric

- A- Detailed, Elaborate Responses – You can “read between the lines” of the text.
- B- Detailed Responses – You can construct a believable interpretation of the text.
- C- Somewhat Detailed Responses – You make some connections, but don't explain in enough detail.
- D- Simple Responses – A literal interpretation without thinking of possibility of meaning.
- F – Perfunctory Responses – The bare minimum of effort made.