

English 8

Summer Reading

Texts:

The Secret Life of Bees (Sue Monk Kidd)

Piecing Me Together (Renee Watson)

We will have an objective quiz during the second or third week of school; this quiz will involve a combination of multiple choice and short written response questions about the characters, setting, and plot. Therefore, you should read actively, paying close attention to characterization, setting, and plot. In addition, **you need to take notes** on the following (These will be collected on the second day of class):

- A character list (including a brief description of each character)
- Key plot points (After you are reading each book, write about a page of the important plot points of the book. This can be in bullet points or paragraph form.)
- Setting (Time and place of each novel)

IMPORTANT NOTE: No Sparknotes, Shmoop, Litcharts, etc! Notes that contain obvious borrowing (direct quotes and paraphrases) from these sources will be considered plagiarism. Disciplinary consequences will follow.

If you have any questions about this assignment, please email Ms. Larson at mlarson@stuartschool.org.