

Summer Reading for Incoming Freshmen (English Levels 1, 3, 5)

Season of Life by Jeffrey Marx (ISBN 0-7432-6974-8)

Directions:

1. Read the book.
2. Complete the **active reading notes**.
 - Notes should be typed, double-spaced, font size 12, Times New Roman.
 - Unless directed, notes do not have to be in complete sentences.
 - Notes should range from 2-4 pages.
 - Notes are due on the first day of school. You will give a copy to your teacher, and they will later be submitted to turnitin.com, a plagiarism-detection website.

Active reading notes must include the following information:

- Character notes (1/2 – 1 page of your notes): Choose two of the main characters (one adult and one teenager) and keep notes about their thoughts, actions, appearance, and what others think about them. For each of the characters, you must include one quotation from the novel (including page number) that accurately reflects that character's attitude.
- Major events (1/2 page): List the five most important events in the story.
- Themes: (1 page): Choose two of the following themes and explain how they are developed throughout the book. For each theme, include a quote (with a page number) to demonstrate its importance to the book.

Love	Integrity	Affirmation
Masculinity	Empathy	Relationships

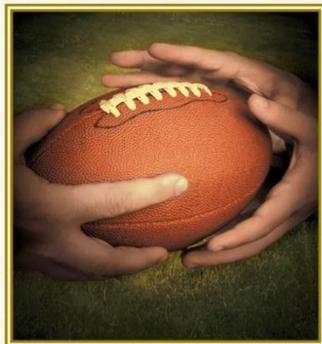
- Personal Reaction (1/2 - 1 page): Write a well-developed paragraph with specific details that answers the following questions:
 - After reading this book, Steve Moulton, from ESPN Radio, said, "This is a life-changing book. You'd have to be a slug on a rock not to be impacted by the messages in this book." Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
 - Did this book affect your opinion on our society's traditional views of masculinity and what it means to be a man? Explain.
 - Did you enjoy the book or not? Would you recommend it to a friend? Why or why not?

3. Be prepared to write an essay within the first week of classes. (Do nothing now other than follow directions 1 and 2 above.)

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