Summer Reading Assignment
English I 2011-2012

The summer reading assignment for this class is **due on the first day** of class and will count as an extra credit grade in the first quarter.

1. Choose **ONE** of the novel selections by either purchasing the novel or borrowing it from a local library.

   Choices: ***Children of the River*** by Linda Crew
   OR
   Tears of a Tiger by Sharon Draper

2. Keep a dialectical journal as you read the novel. A complete entry includes: page number, quotation, and a two-three sentence analysis related to a theme of the novel. Your quotes should be kept in order of their appearance in the novel.

3. Bring your completed dialectical journal to class with you on the first day of school.

4. Write a total of 8 journal entries. After reading *approximately* 25 pages, a journal entry should be completed.

   The dialectical journal is based on the following themes:

   Children of the River
   Families
   Friends and Enemies
   Race, Ethnicity, Culture
   War and Peace
   Challenges and Triumphs
   Individual vs. Society
   Love and Romance

   Tears of a Tiger
   Anger
   Death
   Denial
   Teenage drinking and Driving

Your dialectical journal will be a conversation on the page. On the left you will write important quotations/passages from the novel; on the right you will write why the quote is significant in the context of the story. Set it up like this:

Note Taking	**Note Making**
Identify a theme, write a significant quote from the text, and cite the page number on this side of the page.	Directly across from the significant quote, write your original ideas about the importance of the text. This analysis must be at least three to five complete sentences. Your analysis should include • Interpretation of how the quote illustrates theme. • Explanation of how the quote fits in with the plot of the novel
Examples: YOU MAY NOT USE THESE BECAUSE THEY COME FROM ANOTHER NOVEL, BUT… **This shows you how to set up your journal**	
1.Religion: "Bapu Ghandi said, 'All religions are true.' I just want to love God", I blurted out, and looked down, red in the face." (p. 48)	1. Pi is frustrated with this teachers and parents who insist that he choose one religion to follow. Instead, Pi seeks simpler version of faith that does not include controversies and arguments that adults squabble over. Pi has intense faith, but he is not necessarily religious.
2. Fear: "I looked Richard parker dead in the eyes. Suddenly his brute strength meant only moral weakness. It was nothing compared to the strength in my mind." (p. 269)	2. Pi finally confronts the fear that has been mentally exhausting him throughout this excursion. He realizes that he has nothing to fear since his mental strength far surpasses the tiger's physical strength.

This journal must be typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font. It must be printed out in hard copy format and ready to hand in the first day of class.