

Grade 10 Summer Reading 2022
***Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng**

I would suggest reading this book 1-3 weeks before you return to class, so it is fresh in your mind.

Your Assignment: As you read the novel, create and fill out character charts based on categories below for EACH of the main characters. This can be completed in note-taking form. Full sentences are not required.

These should be completed by hand in a notebook that you will use for English class. Your notebook must be a full-sized notebook. Here is an example:



The main characters: James (dad), Marilyn (mom), Nath, Lydia, Hannah

The Categories (for EACH main character):

3 Quotations from the novel with page number. *The quotations you choose should be what you consider to be significant to the character and their development.*

Dreams and Desires - What does each character want most deeply? This might be directly stated in the book or you might need to think intuitively about choices they've made and why they made them.

Expectations (by society or family) - What roles are these characters expected to fill, based on gender, class, ethnicity, even birth order? Remember this is a small town 1972. *Like To Kill A Mockingbird* (set in the 1930s), expectations and customs are likely to be very different from today.

Secrets – What do you learn about the character that others in the novel don't know?

Masks and Roles – How does each character attempt to fulfill societal expectations in ways that could be positive, self-protective or constraining? For each, indicate why the character chose these masks or roles.

Costs – For each character, what are the negative consequences to keeping secrets, taking on restrictive roles, or trying to fulfill expectations that conflict with one's deepest desires?

Expectations and grading:

The character charts/notes will be the first homework assignments I put in the grade book. This is a full credit / no credit opportunity. All of the work and assessment for the beginning of the year will be based on this book.

Please bring the book AND your notebook to the first class.