

Redemptorist High School  
**English III & Honors English III**

Task:

Keep a reactions journal as you are reading the work. This “reactions journal” should be a collection of your personal reactions to the work and should be filled with quotations from the work. It is appropriate to use first-person perspective since you are stating *your personal* reactions to the story. Though you must mention significant events that take place during the story, it is **not** necessary to summarize every detail in the entire work – so do not do this.

The journals should be typed, proofread, and due on the **first day of school**. You need **not** bring a paper copy on the first day; you will receive instructions on how to submit your typed journal to TurnItIn.com. Quotations should be integrated into sentences and be followed by page numbers in parenthesis. For your reference, take a look at the following example from the beginning of Act I of *The Crucible*:

*In the first Act of The Crucible, Miller states that “They did not celebrate Christmas, and holiday from work meant only that they must concentrate even more upon prayer” (4). I think this is strange – I thought all Christians celebrated Christmas. These people must have prayed awfully hard. A few pages later, Miller writes that “his Negro slave enters” (8). Why does Miller call Tituba a Negro? Is he a racist? Is that tolerated in this society? Parris doesn’t seem like he treats his slave very well.*

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*The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

Length: 500 words per act – there are four acts - so 2000 words total.

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Honors English III:
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**AND one of the following three works:**

- *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* by Dave Eggers
- *The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen
- *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer

Length: At least 2000 words in total – need not be divided into a certain number of words per chapter.

Quotations: You should have at least 30-40 quotations from the novel worked into your reactions.