

**FORM V SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT**  
Cistercian Preparatory School, Irving, Texas



**REQUIRED TEXT**

Yann Martel's *Life of Pi*. I'll be using the Mariner edition (ISBN 978-0-156-02732-8), but any edition besides the DVD will do.

**ASSIGNMENT**

Read the novel and be prepared to discuss all of its exciting layers in the first two weeks of class. You do not need to write an essay or construct a project. When school begins, expect an early quiz or two on the plot as we use the book to expand our vocabulary of literary terms. Its characters and themes will provide rich material for written work and interesting in-class discussions.

**EXTRA CREDIT**

Keep a handwritten reading journal in which you record your responses to passages from any five of the book's chapters.

First, write down the passage that inspired the entry, verbatim. (It can be short or long, ten or a hundred words). Then, write a response to it. You may analyze it closely, or reflect on a related topic that the passage inspires you to consider. Take some time with each of your passages to let them sink in.

I am looking for an average of about a hundred words per response, but exactly how you distribute your total of five hundred words is up to you.

**ON AUGUST 20**

Be sure to bring your copy of *Life of Pi*, your reading journal if you have one, and something to write with.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer! Write a few novels, troubleshoot your pickleball game, or just lie out under the stars in a lifeboat with a tiger in it. I look forward to working with you this fall.