



**The Catholic High School of Baltimore
Summer Reading List**

Teacher's Name: Mr. Derosier

School Year: 2017-2018

Grade Level: 11

Course No.: 148

Course Name: AP English Language

Academic Level (Honors/AP/CP1/CP2/CPA): AP

Reading

Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse

Assignment

Part 1

Instructions: Answer each of the following questions in one to two well-written paragraphs. Your answers must be typed and double-spaced. Be sure to include supportive evidence from the novel.

1. Trace Siddhartha's influence on Govinda throughout the novel.
2. Compare and contrast Siddhartha's first encounter with Kamala with his last moments with her.
3. Compare and contrast Siddhartha's aspirations at the beginning of the novel with what he has become by the end.
4. How and under what circumstances does Siddhartha explain why his doctrine—that love is the most important thing in the world—is not in contradiction to Gotama's teaching?
5. Define the term "allegory" and point out the extent to which the structure of this novel and the names of the characters make this work an example of an allegory.



Part 2

Instructions: As you read *Siddhartha*, keep a dialectical journal. A dialectical journal is a conversation between you and the text you are reading. I expect your responses to be developed thoughtfully and intellectually. I will read every word of your dialectical journal. Your dialectical journal must be typed.

You should have one insightful and analytical response to a quotation or passage for the following chapters:

- Introduction
- Part One
 - The Son of the Brahman
 - With the Samanas
 - Gotama
 - Awakening
- Part Two
 - Kamala
 - With the Child-People
 - Samsara
 - By the River
 - The Ferryman
 - The Son
 - Om
 - Govinda

Important Information

Please email your assignments to me by **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**. My email address is **sderosier@thecatholichighschool.org**. If your work is not your own, you will receive a zero on the summer reading assignment. There will be a **short-answer test** on *Siddhartha* within the first two weeks of the school year.