

English 8 / Dr. Eicher
Summer Reading 2024
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REQUIRED Summer Reading Text:

Please acquire your OWN PAPERBACK COPY of Yann Martel's *Life of Pi* (Canadian 2001)

- Students must purchase their own copy of *Life of Pi*
- You may listen to an audio version of *Life of Pi*, but please ALSO look at a printed copy of the book as you listen.
- Please do not substitute with a library copy; we will be doing some annotations in our personal copies.
- If you have already read this novel, please reread it.
- There will be a test to check reading comprehension in August.
- If you take notes (on paper or in google docs) you may use them on the test.
- Please avoid all internet sites that offer literary interpretations, summaries, and analysis.
- Please break up the reading and do it with great care. DO read "Author's Note" because it is the start of the novel. "Author" is the writer of all the chapters in *italics*.
- You are welcome to watch the movie version of *Life of Pi*, but keep in mind it leaves out large parts of the novel. I absolutely do not recommend reading it in place of the novel.

HOW TO PURCHASE THE NOVEL:

- The Raven is wonderful about ordering books: [Raven Bookstore](#)
- If you are seeking a local used copy, you might check with [The Dusty Bookshelf](#)
- If you would like an online used book option: [abeBooks](#)

Please check your school email the first week of June for information that will help your reading. If you want to pace yourself and spread the novel over June and July, I think you'll be glad you did. The novel is 316 pages, and that means about 40 pages a week, or 5-6 pages a day. You can leave it for the last week before school, but students who do so are usually very overwhelmed by so much reading and don't read as carefully or retain as much.