



English 9

Summer Reading Assignment 2023

Students will independently read:

John Steinbeck's "The Gift", the first story, from *The Red Pony*: a collection of short stories. Audio book may be used if they choose, but students must have a print copy as well.

Due First Week of School

1. Please purchase your own copy of the short story collection *The Red Pony*, by John Steinbeck.
2. As you read "The Gift", please **annotate your copy** by marking important passages. **This means you should write notes in the margins about:**
 - Characters and their relationships
 - The significance of major actions
 - The setting
 - The author's purpose for writing
 - The point of view the story is told
 - The tone of the author
 - The theme(s) of the story
 - Circle and then define any unknown words.
3. Bring your book to class the first day.
4. The first week of school we will use the book to complete a project in class.

Quiz on story elements the first week of school

**books available from Barnes & Noble and Amazon