

## 2023 Senior IB Literature 4 Summer Reading

Read the novel *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Complete the analysis questions **while you read** to help you analyze the novel. We will study this novel as a part of our IB Lit 4 curriculum, so it is imperative for you to complete the reading and analysis so that you are prepared for class work and discussion.

How you complete this written task is up to you (hand written, typed, double-entry journal, etc.) as long as all the below elements are included.

**You should be prepared to turn this assignment in and to start discussion on the book by Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*\*Your responses to these questions should be more than simple summary or description.**

**1. Setting:**

- What is the significance of the setting?

**2. Major Characters:**

- Who are the major/main characters?
- How can you characterize them?
- Do they symbolize anything?
- What is their purpose/effect in the text?

**3. Minor Characters:**

- Who are the minor characters?
- How can you characterize them?
- Do they symbolize anything?
- What is their purpose/effect in the text?

**4. Conflict:**

- What is the major conflict in the text?
- How does it affect the characters?
- What themes does the conflict help to bring out or explore?

**5. Theme:**

- What are some topics that stand out (include 3-4)?
- What do you think the author is saying about each of these topics (what is his commentary on humans and/or society as it relates to these topics)? Write a sentence explaining each topic.

**6. Narration:**

- How is the text narrated?
- What is the point of view – who is telling the story?
- What is the effect of the chosen narrator?
- Why did the author choose this point of view?

**7. Structure:**

- How is the text structured?
- What is significant about the chosen structure?

- What is the effect of the structure on the reader?

**8. Quotes:**

- Find SIX quotes from the text that you find meaningful or significant.
- Copy each quote.
- Explain why you think each quote is important or why you selected it.

**9. Figurative Language:**

- Identify FIVE examples of figurative language or other literary devices (metaphors, alliteration, symbols, imagery, juxtaposition, personification, hyperbole, etc.) – copy those lines.
- For each example, explain their meaning AND explain their effect.