

Summer Reading 2009
Rising Sophomore College Prep

90 Minutes in Heaven: A Story of Death and Life
By Don Piper and Cecil Murphy

While reading the novel, please record 10 journal entries of at least ½ page each (handwritten).

Date: **Title of Entry:** **Pages Covered:**

What should you put in the journal entries? I want your *thoughts* and *reflections*, NOT a plot summary. I want you to respond to the characters, their actions and decisions, archaic customs, unfamiliar vocabulary terms, etc. If you need help, use the following questions, but don't feel like you are "bound" to them.

1. What do you like? Dislike? Find comfortable? Find irritating? Why?
2. Comment on the characters. Describe them in physical, mental, and emotional terms. Do any of the characters seem to change?
3. Describe the relationship between the characters. Explain what the characters seem to value (what is important).
4. Describe the setting. How is it important to the novel?
5. Explain and describe what unanswered questions you have thus far.
6. Describe the author's attitude toward life. Is he / she optimistic or pessimistic? Explain.
7. Describe the impact of this book on your life, attitude and decisions.
8. Do you believe this story is true? Explain.

The book needs to be read in its entirety and the journal completed by Wednesday, August 19. In addition, we will spend about two days discussing the novel before being tested on the material.

Please email if you have any questions: Anordhorn@gracebc.org