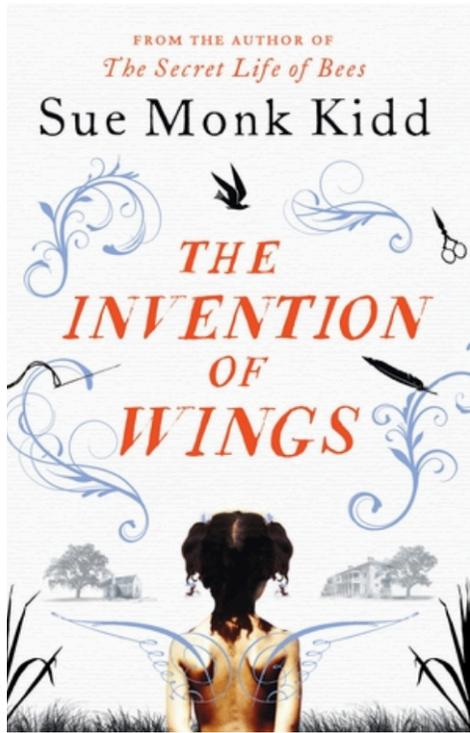


English 3 Summer Reading Assignment

The Book: The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd



Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, a female, white, abolitionist, writer, and member of the women's suffrage movement, *The Invention of Wings* tells the story of Sarah's life starting at her 11th birthday, when she is given ownership of ten-year-old Handful, who is to be her slave. The story follows their remarkable journeys over the next thirty-five years, as they both strive for a life of their own. They dramatically shape each other's destinies and form complex relationships marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement, and the uneasy ways of love.



Meet the Author

Sue Monk Kidd was raised in Sylvester, Georgia, a place that has deeply influenced her writing. She has won the South Carolina Fellowship in Literature and the Writers Exchange Program in Fiction. *The Invention of Wings* is Kidd's third novel. It debuted at #1 on the New York Times bestseller list. The novel has won several literary awards, including the Florida Book of Year Award and the SIBA Book Award. It was also nominated for the International Dublin Literary Award and was chosen for Oprah's Book Club.

Please see other side for assignments. All assignments must be completed. Please see the other side for directions. The assignments will be collected in the first week of school. The exact date will be presented on the first day of school. Please do a little at a time during the summer. Do not wait until the last minute!

Assignment #1 – 25 points

IN-TEXT ANNOTATIONS AND HIGHLIGHTING:

Create annotations to help improve comprehension and highlight important quotes as you read. Please include annotation notes in the margins on character development and conflict from quotes you notice as you read. You may annotate either directly in the book or on post-it notes inserted in the book. These will be checked in class.

Assignment #2 – 50 points

JOURNAL – Must be either handwritten on loose leaf and turned in in a folder with your name on the front, written in a notebook with your name on the front, or typed and printed and turned in in a folder with your name on the front. NOTE: I am not able to print for you, so please make sure you consider that before choosing this option.

Each journal entry must be dated and list the page numbers read. You have two choices for each journal. Option 1 is to write 6-8 bullet points on the major events in the section you read. Option 2 is to write a 6-8 sentence summary of the section you read.

Assignment #3 – 30 points

VOCABULARY - Must be either handwritten on loose leaf and turned in in a folder with your name on the front, written in a notebook with your name on the front (you CAN use the same notebook as your journal. Just do this in the back and your journal in the front), or typed and printed and turned in in a folder with your name on the front. NOTE: I am not able to print for you, so please make sure you consider that before choosing this option.

As you read, create a list of **at least 10 words** that you are unfamiliar with, define them, and use them in an original sentence.

Assignment #4 – 75 points

THEME - Must be either handwritten on loose leaf and turned in in a folder with your name on the front or typed and printed and turned in in a folder with your name on the front. NOTE: I am not able to print for you, so please make sure you consider that before choosing this option.

A theme is a universal idea, lesson, or message that the author explores in a work of literature. A theme can be applied to many different works and to a reader's own life. In other words, what is the author trying to teach you? The following are themes or issues in the book. First, select three themes to track while you read the novel. Then, while you read, identify 2 quotes that support the development of these themes or ideas.

- » The inhumanity of slavery
- » Resistance to slavery
- » Equality
- » Religion
- » Societal norms
- » Women's suffrage/place in society/misogyny

In total, your summer reading is worth 180 points on the first marking period. All assignments must be completed. The assignments will be collected in the first week of school. The exact date will be presented on the first day of school.

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