



FRESHMAN SUMMER READING 2026

Honors

***Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom**

May be purchased online:

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/tuesdays-with-morrie-mitch-albom/1142026690?ean=9780767905923>

IMPORTANT: You will be given a quiz on the first full day of class on the above book. It is worth 10% of your first quarter grade.

What you need to know: Please refer to the reading guide below. You can also create your own study guide or highlight and make notes in the margins of your book. Post-it notes work well also if you are not able to write in your book.

Honors and College Bound

***Restart* by Gordon Korman**

- May be purchased online:
<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/restart-gordon-korman/1125014973?ean=9781338053807>
- **IMPORTANT:** You will be given a quiz on the first full day of class on the above book. It is worth 10% of your first quarter grade.
- What you need to know:
- **Assignment** - For **each chapter**, students must:
 - **Identify the narrator** — Write the name of the person whose **point of view** the chapter is told from.
 - **Write a 2–3 sentence summary** — Summaries should capture the key events and ideas of the chapter.
 - **Select one event** — the **most interesting, important, or funny moment** (student's choice).
 - i. Include a **direct quotation** from that moment.
 - ii. Provide the **page number** where the quote was found.

*This assignment is intentionally designed to require **close reading and original thinking**, making it **difficult to complete using AI alone**.*

There will also be a **quiz on the first day** covering this book.



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"Tuesdays With Morrie" Reading Guide (Honors)

Name _____ Date _____

Directions: Each student is required to turn in a handwritten copy of the answers on the first day of classes.

1. From what college did Mitch graduate? How did he meet Morrie?
2. With what disease was Morrie diagnosed? What was his prognosis?
3. Describe Morrie's personality in the chapter "The Syllabus." What activity did Morrie love to do?
4. How did Mitch discover that Morrie was ill?
5. What is the definition of a narcissist? (Look it up if you can't figure it out from the context clues in the book.)
6. How long has it been since Mitch has seen Morrie?
7. What did the doctor tell Morrie to do to check his lung capacity? How far can you count?
8. Provide an example of how we can become entangled or addicted to someone else's drama.
9. Why did it seem appropriate that Morrie and Mitch still meet on Tuesdays? (page 51)
10. What time of day doesn't Morrie feel sorry for himself? On the opposite end of the spectrum, he sees himself as lucky. Why?
11. On the third Tuesday, with what unusual item did Mitch arrive?
12. What does Morrie mean when he says, "Once you learn how to die, you learn how to live" (page 82)
13. Who is Lou Gehrig?
14. What does Morrie mean when he says you need to "detach from a moment" (clue: his coughing)
15. How has Morrie's view on being dependent changed? What caused this change? What was Morrie's Ultimate Sign of Dependence?
16. When asked about growing old, Morrie is not envious. What is Morrie's perspective on aging?
17. What did Morrie ask Janine to do for him?
18. Why does Morrie insist on having a living funeral?
19. On page 149, Morrie says, "There are a few rules I know to be true about love and marriage." What are they?
20. What does Morrie mean by "love one another or die"?
21. What does Morrie mean by "Death ends a life, not a relationship" (page 174)
22. To the very end, Mitch arrived at Morrie's with food. Discuss the importance of this ritual.