



A. Read *The Demon Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark* by Carl Sagan

[Carl Sagan - The Demon Haunted World.pdf](#)

B. Keep a quote journal with a minimum of **2 quotes per chapter** for each assigned chapter. Each reaction/reflection should be **3-5 sentences** in length. Journals should include quotes from the book and reactions/reflections about those quotes. **They should not be summaries.** Instead, select quotes that are engaging and meaningful to not only you, but also to the author’s purpose. In reflecting, analyze the quote and explain how it relates to the author's purpose/argument. When done correctly, the journal should highlight the significance of the quote and how it relates to the book as a whole.

EXAMPLE

Quote (page number)	Reaction/Reflection
“Why, if the aliens are trying to do their business in secret, wouldn't they perfectly expunge all memories of the abductions? Too hard for them to do?” (p75)	This rhetorical question really made sense to me. We believe things about aliens that make them seem incredibly intelligent, but then we also believe they behave in ways that are not very intelligent. It’s almost like we are blind to the contradictions of alien life because we want to believe in them. Sagan is showing us that we can’t let what we want to be true affect our ability to see and analyze.

C. There are 25 chapters in this book, but you are not required to enter quotes for every chapter. You are required to record 2 entries in your quote journal for **ONLY** the 10 chapters listed below (therefore there should be 20 total entries in the reflection journal when complete)

- Chapter 1: The Most Precious Thing
- Chapter 2: Science and Hope
- Chapter 3: The Man in the Moon and the Face on Mars
- Chapter 10: The Dragon in my Garage
- Chapter 12: The Fine Art of Baloney Detection
- Chapter 14: Antiscience
- Chapter 17: The Marriage of Skepticism and Wonder
- Chapter 19: No Such Thing as a Dumb Question
- Chapter 24: Witchcraft
- Chapter 25: Real Patriots Ask Questions

D. Maintain your journal in an electronic format so ultimately it may be submitted via Schoology. **Do not rely on your Google drive from middle school - it will likely be deleted over the summer.** The completed assignment will be **due the first week in September**. Late work will not be accepted, barring late enrollment.

E. This assignment will count as your first major project grade in English. You will also be discussing the chapters and using information from the book throughout the first marking period in Science.



High School General Supply List

1- TI 83 or TI 84 graphing calculator (regular or plus version) for all math courses

1- thumb drive (labeled with your name) for electronic storage

1- single subject notebook where pages can be removed neatly, 1 two-pocket folder, pens/pencil.

Students may participate in PE wearing their regular dress code attire as long they change into sneakers. If students choose to change, **they may only wear solid color athletic shorts (mid-thigh or to the knee) or athletic pants and an MOT Charter spirit-wear t-shirt.**

1- small backpack to carry the above items. (No large or heavy backpacks in the building, there is no need, no storage & only limited extra floor space)

Any additional supplies will be course specific. List will be provided by course instructor during the first week of school.

Purchased from school:

1 – computer case (\$40.00 one-time* cost. This case MUST BE purchased at school to meet insurance requirements) for carrying the laptop during the school day

* Note: A lost case will incur a fee to replace

1 – school issued Chromebook laptop (yearly insurance fee: \$25.00 for 2021-2022 school year)

Reminder: Students are expected to be in dress code on day one. Order your uniform shirts/fleeces from one of our approved vendors as soon as possible. **Vendor list is a separate attachment.**

