

## **DIRECTIONS FOR FROSH SUMMER READING/WRITING ASSIGNMENT**

### ***Read The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd.***

*This book chronicles a young girl's journey in her search for love and forgiveness.*

*You should purchase this book at any local bookstore or from amazon.com.  
You will need to bring this book to English class during the first week of school.*

***After you have read this book, complete the following two-part written assignment:***

#### **Part 1**

- Look up the definitions of ***truth, justice, compassion, partnership and community***. These are the five Dominican values emphasized at Queen of Peace. For each value, write its definition AND describe an example from your personal life or the news of someone demonstrating this value. Cite the source where you found the definitions. Please word-process.
- Then, interview 2-3 different people about which of these values is most important to them and why. Write down their responses on a separate sheet of paper. Be as specific and thorough as you can in recording their responses. Please word-process.

#### **Part 2**

Write a 1-2 page paper discussing three Dominican values (truth, justice, compassion, partnership or community) that you feel are most important to Lily Owen, the main character/narrator in The Secret Life of Bees.

#### **Format and Organization Suggestions**

- This should be a multi-paragraph paper with an introductory paragraph, 3 discussion paragraphs – one on each value, and a concluding paragraph.
- Be as specific and detailed as possible in your discussion paragraphs explaining why you chose each value and how Lily demonstrates it. Give specific reasons and examples from the novel to support your ideas. *(Remember that all quotations must be properly cited.)*
- Please word-process your paper. If you do not have access to a computer, write your paper neatly on loose-leaf in blue or black pen.

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Dear Student,

Welcome to the Peace Community! Even though you are just taking your first step in becoming a member of our community by registering tonight, we are already busy planning the classes you will be taking next year!

In your English class, you will explore how great writers and thinkers articulate the themes/values of *truth, justice, compassion, partnership, and community*. These are the five values we share in common with all Sinsinawa Dominican schools. They are very important to us. Therefore, the teachers of the English Department would like to take this opportunity to tell you about an important requirement for you to fulfill over the summer to get ready for our classes.

We are asking you to complete the assignment described on the back of this sheet. Your English teachers will collect your assignment during the first full week of classes and you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas with your new classmates. If you have any questions about the written assignment, you will be able to ask your English teacher on the first day of school. Just do your best and, most of all, enjoy reading!

Sincerely yours,

*The Frosh-Level English Teachers*

***Please see the other side of this sheet  
for your assignment.***