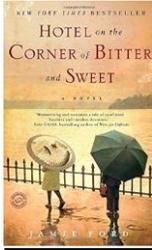


# *Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*

## English 9 Summer Assignment

**Description:** As high-school level readers, you will be interacting with your text in a way that goes beyond just reading the story. When we meet as a class in the fall, you will be discussing your observations about the author's choices and writing about your reactions to the text as well.



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**Reading Directions:** As you read *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, make light pencil marks in the margins or use sticky notes to flag the passages that you think are the most momentous and revealing about the two main characters: Henry Lee and Keiko Okabe. Choose passages that highlight their relationship to each other AND to the characters listed below.

- Mr. Lee
- Mrs. Lee
- Mr. and Mrs. Okabe
- Ethel Lee
- Marty Lee
- Sheldon Thomas
- Mrs. Beatty
- Chaz Preston
- Samantha

**Writing Directions:** When you finish the novel, select your three favorite passages for Henry and your three favorite passages Keiko, for a total of six passages. Next, you will write a paragraph for each quoted passage (6 paragraphs total) which explains how details and ideas from within the quoted passage reveal something significant about the main character's nature or experience. Begin each paragraph by quoting the key portion of the passage that you will be discussing in your paragraph response. Remember to cite the page number of your quoted passage at the end of the quote, like this: (3).

**Please type your responses**, using Times New Roman, 12 pt font, double spaced. Type your full name (first and last) at the top of the page, left-hand side. Title your work Summer Assignment: *Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. Bring a printed copy of your assignment to the first day of English class, along with your copy of the book. We will be using the book the first few weeks of class, so be sure to bring your copy with you!

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