

SENIOR THEOLOGY SUMMER READING (PEER MINISTRY) 2010

Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse

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Directions: On a separate sheet of paper, (following MLA guidelines) type out your thoughtful answers to each of these ten (10) questions. The questions are asked in order of the plot of the book. This paper is due on the FIRST DAY of class in SEPTEMBER. There will be no exceptions.

1. Explain the relationship between Govinda and Siddhartha, and the circumstances that led to their parting ways.
2. Who were the Samanas? What did they believe?
3. Siddhartha's father was a Brahmin. Who were they? Why did Siddhartha's father object to his son's decision to leave?
4. What does Siddhartha do to make his father change his mind?
5. Describe how Siddhartha met Kamala?
6. Who is Kamaswami? Explain how he fits into Siddhartha's story?
7. Explain the role of the "river" in Siddhartha's story.
8. Who is Vasudeva? Why is he important in Siddhartha's story?
9. Explain Siddhartha's relationship with his son.
10. Who does Siddhartha meet in the final chapter of the novel? How does he make sense of his journey?