

Shelfari Instructions

In order to join Shelfari, you must have a working e-mail account that you check periodically. All students have a district account that can be used, but most people these days also have an outside account that they use as a primary e-mail address. Either one will work. Shelfari is free.

1. Go to <http://www.shelfari.com> and select “Join Now.”
2. Enter your first and last names in the appropriate fields. (Only other members of the class will be able to see your first name, and no other personal information is displayed.)
3. Enter your e-mail address in the appropriate field. (Recommended: Select the option to receive e-mail updates.)
4. Enter a password that you will not forget. It’s REALLY important that you don’t forget it! Write it down somewhere safe if you need to.
5. Select “Create Account.”

Now that you have an account, you can sign in, create your profile, and add books to your “shelf.”

1. Go to <http://www.shelfari.com> and select “Sign In.” (Use your e-mail and password.)
2. Select the “Profile > Overview” tab.
3. Select “Account Settings.”
4. You can change any of the information using the “edit” links, but do not provide any personal information about yourself: No phone numbers, no addresses, no school names, etc. It is important to maintain your privacy online. (There was a lengthy in-class discussion regarding online safety.) If you want to upload an “avatar,” you may, but don’t use an actual picture of yourself. Set your “display name” as your first name and last initial so that Mr. Thompson can identify your shelf. (Full names will not be displayed for anyone outside the class.) Under “E-mail notifications,” turn off the “Private Messages” function.
5. Select the “Profile > My Shelf” tab.
6. Using the search field, find books that you have read and add them to your shelf by clicking “add” underneath the picture of the book. Include at least the last 10 or 15 books you have read, and also include books you read for other English classes. (If you want, you can rate the books, write short reviews, and give details about the version of the book you have read. It’s a cool way to keep track of what you read and when.)
7. Change the search field to “Groups” and type in this *exactly* as it is written here: “Thompson's Classes 2010-2011” (include the quotation marks).
8. Go to the group main page and select “Join Group.” You are now officially ready to earn your reading points! Find some books and get started!

Now get reading!

- Read every day. Always carry a reading book.
- Choose books you haven’t read before.
- Choose books that you like and understand.
- Submit Shelfari book reviews and/or talk to Mr. Thompson (even if you haven’t finished the entire book) by the midterm and end-of-term deadlines.
- Don’t be surprised when I ask you about your Independent Reading Practice during class.