

HE2 Summer Reading Assignment

To prepare for Honors English 2, please read and annotate *Almond* by Won-pyung Sohn (translated by Sandy Joosun Lee). This text will be used extensively during the first few weeks of school and will pair nicely with the Unit 1 anchor text, Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Your understanding of the text will be measured by the following:

- Multiple discussions and a formal Socratic Seminar
- Various collaborative tasks
- A formal piece of writing

As you read, pay attention to how Sohn:

1. develops various themes
2. uses diction to support the setting, reveal the characters, and establish tone
3. conveys a wider world message that transcends the story

NOTE: Please be aware that this District 203 approved novel contains strong language. How do these words impact the story and the character who uses them?

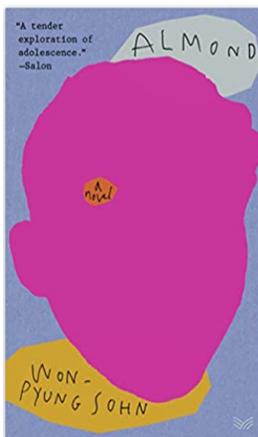
If you need more information about diction, please review these articles:

Barron, Kaelyn. "27 Words to Describe Diction: Evaluating an Author's Word Choice." *TCK*

Publishing, www.tckpublishing.com/diction/.

"What is Diction? Learn 8 Different Types of Diction in Writing with Examples." *MasterClass*,

www.masterclass.com/articles/what-is-diction-learn-8-different-types-of-diction-in-writing-with-examples#what-is-diction-in-writing.



"In her debut novel, director and screenwriter Sohn makes the bold decision to choose an emotionally constricted first-person narrator, but the risk pays off. With the aid of a skillful translation. [...] The novel will appeal fully to adults, but mature young readers who must cope in their everyday lives with the struggles of late adolescence will find themselves identifying with Yunjae and moved by his plight. A sensitive exploration of what it's like to live at life's emotional poles." -- Kirkus Reviews

"Won-pyung Sohn understands that those who think, feel, and communicate differently aren't society's villains, they are its saviors. Her writing possesses seemingly unlimited empathy and tenderness." -- Madeleine Ryan, author of *A Room Called Earth*

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