Shelfari, by Amazon

-Setup Guide-

Shelfari is a social networking site similar to Facebook or Myspace; however, Shelfari is a site in which people share the books they have read, are reading, and hope to read in the future. The site lets you create a virtual bookshelf, receive recommendations, discover what your friends are reading, and suggest books to others. Indeed, Shelfari is a virtual way to discuss and share good books.

Follow the steps below to set up an account.

1. Go tohttp://www.shelfari.com.
2. Click on the green REGISTER button.
3. Begin the sign in process by using the amazon.com login prompts. If you have an amazon account, please log in with the information you have. If you do not have an account, enter your email address and click on “No, I am a new customer.” You can use any email account you would like to use for this process. Realize, you may receive some notices from Shelfari to the account.
4. Please enter your screen name (first name and last initial only for online anonymity). You also will need to enter your real first and last name in the when prompted to do so. Your full name will not show up on the website.
5. Click “create profile.” Skip steps two and three.
6. Now you have a basic profile on Shelfari. You can type in the titles of books you have read and put them on your bookshelf!
7. We will need you to edit your profile a bit to make it easier for your teacher and class to find you. Follow the next steps to edit your profile:
   1. Notice the “Your Content” area on the right side of your main screen. Click on ACCOUNT SETTINGS.
   2. You can edit each item on this screen by clicking EDIT on the far right.
   3. Please set your FRIENDS LIST to “only I can see my friends list.”
   4. Please do not change your reading stats. Your teacher will need to be able to see them.
   5. Upload a picture (not of you) by clicking on Upload and choosing any picture that represents you. Feel free to search the Internet. Be appropriate!
   6. Now, notice the tabs at the top of the Profile and Account Settings page.
   7. Click on the Personal Tab.
   8. Find “Location” and click on edit. Enter your location as follows: “USA, WI, Pearl Jam.” Be sure to capitalize Pearl and Jam. Put a space between those words.
   9. Click on the Notifications Tab.
   10. Please feel free to adjust your settings to anything you please, but DO NOT CHANGE the private messages setting…you do not want people you don’t know sending you private messages.

YOU ARE NOW FINISHED WITH THE ACCOUNT SETUP.  Go explore! Fill your shelves with books you’ve read, write reviews, add books you want to read, and make a shelf with the books you are reading currently.

Please be sure to do the following:

1. Add five books you have read and rank them.
2. Add the book you are currently reading and rank it.
3. Add two books you would like to read.

On the home page, for instance, if you scroll down, you will notice on the right hand side a section titled, “What Should I read Next?” This section will help you choose great books!

Eventually, after everyone has created his/her profile, you will do the following:

1. Go to the profile tab and scroll to “Find Your Friends.”
2. In the middle of the screen, you will see a link that says “Search for your friends by name…” Click on this.
3. In the form, type in USA, Wisconsin, and Pearl Jam. The entire group should appear. Friend at least 35 students and myself (friend the entire class, plus a few others).

Begin looking at books and sharing ideas! Have fun.