

Summer Reading -- 2017
English 9/Advanced
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"Books are a uniquely portable magic." -Stephen King

Over the summer, it is important to maintain your reading/writing skills. We will be reading and writing daily in English 9, and you do not want to lose some of the skills you gained in 8th grade English with Ms. Zimmerman.

READING:

For English 9/Advanced, please read TWO grade-level novels of your choice. Grade level means that the selections should be of an appropriate vocabulary, content, and length for a 9th grader. Both books must be novels you have NOT read before this summer. If you are concerned about what titles to select, here are some grade-level appropriate texts you can use as a guide (and/or use as your selection):

- *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *The 5th Wave* by Rick Yancey
- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *Paper Towns* by John Greene
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

WRITING:

For each novel, please keep a vocabulary log and a quote log. Vocabulary logs should include a minimum of 15 words that are new to you or used in a new way. (If the novel does not contain a minimum of 15 new words, then you have selected a novel that is below your reading level.) Quote logs should contain a minimum of 5 quotes from different sections of the novel. Quotes should reveal something important about the novel -- perhaps the quote is important to the theme of the novel or illustrates the author's use of imagery or gives a critical piece of information about the main character.

DUE DATE:

Your logs for both novels are due the first week of school. They will count as two homework grades (a grade for the vocab/quotes from book #1 and a grade for the vocab/quotes from book #2). You will earn partial credit for incomplete logs, and logs turned in after the first week of school will only count for 50% credit. However, both options are better than a zero.

VOCABULARY LOG:

Select 15 new vocabulary words from the novel you have read. Be sure to select grade-level vocabulary. No credit earned for words such as “fun” or “green.”

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QUOTE LOG:

Select a minimum of 5 quotes from various sections of the novel. Credit will not be earned for quotes all from the first 10 pages of the novel, no matter how truly amazing those pages are.

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DUE DATE:

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