

## Summer Work

**All summer assignments should be done prior to the school year. Work will be handed in on the first day of class. You can email your teacher if you have a question about your assignment.**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Teacher name</u>	<u>Email</u>
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Hello ELA students,

Welcome to 9th grade English and Language Arts!

Your summer work includes both reading and writing:

First, choose a novel from the list below that interests you and you have not read. *You and your parents are encouraged to do additional research on a book's content to determine appropriateness and fit.*

Second, look over the topics listed below. **Choose 5** that seem appropriate for you and your novel choice and respond accordingly.

### **Topics to consider:**

1. Describe your attitude toward the book when you started reading it, and explain if (or how) it changed as you got further into the book.
2. Think of some specific characters and their actions that stand out in your mind. Did you agree or disagree with their attitude or a certain decision they made? Explain.
3. Express your opinions about the main character. Did the author create a person that the reader would actually care about or be interested in? Why/Why not?
4. Other than the main character, choose an interesting secondary character that made the book exciting for you. Describe this character and explain why he or she stood out in the novel.
5. Explain why a certain part of the book was the best part or worst part for you.
6. Explain why a certain part of the book was a sad part or a confusing part for you.
7. Describe what you liked most about the book or the author's style of writing. Be specific. You may also explain what you did not like about the book, if anything.

8. Explain why the ending made sense for you, or why it didn't make sense for you. If it didn't, what different ending would you suggest to the author?
9. If any characters or events reminded you of things in your own life, tell how. \*Note: Do not choose this topic if you can't make a personal connection to the book

Make sure your response:

- Has a heading (name, date, class, title)
- Is in Times New Roman font, size 12, double-spaced
- Is written in well organized paragraphs
- Is carefully proofread
- Includes specific examples from your novel; you may include direct quotes with page numbers
- Is between two and four pages in length

**Novel possibilities:**

- *Endurance*, Alfred Lansing
- *Lord of the Flies*, William Golding
- *Refugee*, Alan Gratz
- *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, Betty Smith
- *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*, Jules Verne
- *The Princess and the Goblin*, George MacDonald
- *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, Baroness D'Orczy
- *The Hiding Place*, Corrie Ten Boom
- *The Space Trilogy: Out of the Silent Planet*, C.S. Lewis
- *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings*, J.R.R. Tolkien
- *The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak
- *American Born Chinese*, Gene Luen Yang
- *Johnny Tremain*, Esther Forbes