



Summer Reading Assignment for all 9th graders



Reading is all about making connections and the more connections that you make, the better understanding you have of our world. When you read something, you gain another set of experiences that you didn't have before. For your Summer Reading Project you must make those connections in four specific areas.*

YOUR TASK:

1. You must read ONE the books on the back of this list.
2. You must write a synopsis (summary of the book) in a complete and well-constructed paragraph using your own words and thoughts about what the book is about.
3. You must make in-depth connections with the following categories: *(write a well-constructed paragraph for each)*
 - *Text-to-Text: This is where you connect this story to another one that you have read.*
 - *Text-to World/History: This is where you connect this story to the world around us or something in history that has happened.*
 - *Text-to-Media (TV, Film, Music): This is where you connect this story to something you have experienced in the media.*
 - *Text-to-Self: This is where you connect this story to yourself in some way and how it relates to you.*
4. You must write a well-constructed and thoughtful paragraph explaining what the theme (message) of the story is and why that theme (message) is an important one.



*Follow this format for the assignment:
12 point font, Times New Roman, Double-spaced*



Name

Teacher's Name Single-spaced

ELA 9

Title, Author

Synopsis of the story:

Text-to-Text Connection:

Text-to-World/History Connection:

Text-to-Media Connection:

Text-to-Self Connection:

Theme/Importance:

All of these need to be well-constructed and thoughtful paragraphs answering the question.

**Please note that old or revised assignments that differ from this one will receive a grade of zero to begin the 1st quarter.*

**For more information on book content go to:
www.shelfari.com/www.barnesandnoble.com/www.amazon.com**

Each novel listed below is separated by a specific genre.
 Pick according to the topic that you think would interest you the most.

CLASSICS

<i>Animal Farm</i>	Orwell, George
<i>Cry, The Beloved Country</i>	Paton, Alan
<i>David Copperfield</i>	Dickens, Charles
<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>	Twain, Mark

NON-FICTION

<i>Bad Boy: A Memoir</i>	Myers, Walter Dean
<i>Stick Figure: A Diary of My Former self</i>	Gottlieb, Laurie
<i>Three Little Words</i>	Rhodes-Courter, Ashley
<i>Knucklehead</i>	Scieszka, Jon

FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION/HORROR

<i>Rash</i>	Hautman, Pete
<i>The Magic Circle</i>	Napoli, Donna Jo
<i>Blood and Chocolate</i>	Curtis Klause, Annette
<i>Cirque du Freak</i>	Shan, Darren
<i>The Wereling</i>	Cole, Stephen

SOCIAL CONCERNS

<i>Black Boy</i>	Wright, Richard
<i>Go Ask Alice</i>	Anonymous
<i>Monster</i>	Myers, Walter Dean
<i>She's Come Undone</i>	Lamb, Wally
<i>Tiger Eyes</i>	Blume, Judy

FRIENDSHIP

<i>Big Mouth, Ugly Girl</i>	Oates, Joyce Carol
<i>Hard Love</i>	Wittlinger, Ellen
<i>Prom</i>	Anderson, Laurie Halse
<i>Twelve Long Months</i>	Lynch, Chris
<i>Whale Talk</i>	Crutcher, Chris

SPORTS

<i>Damage</i>	Jenkins, A.M.
<i>Hoops</i>	Myers, Walter Dean
<i>Little Girls in Pretty Boxes</i>	Ryan, Joan
<i>Sport</i>	Cochrane, Mick
<i>The Outside Shot</i>	Myers, Walter Dean

HISTORICAL FICTION

<i>A Northern Light</i>	Donnelly, Jen
<i>Braid</i>	Frost, Helen
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Muñoz-Ryan, Pam
<i>Leonardo's Shadow</i>	Grey, Christopher
<i>Stowaway</i>	Hesse, Karen
<i>The Book Thief</i>	Zusak, Markus

SURVIVAL

<i>Bread Givers</i>	Yeziarska, Anzia
<i>Into Thin Air</i>	Krakauer, Jon

COMING OF AGE/GROWING UP

<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>	Smith, Betty
<i>Catalyst</i>	Anderson, Laurie Halse
<i>Cut</i>	McCormick, Patricia
<i>Grand & Humble</i>	Harter, Brent
<i>Something Girl</i>	Goobie, Beth
<i>StarGirl</i>	Spinelli, Jerry
<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time</i>	Haddon, Mark
<i>Ophelia</i>	Klein, Lisa
<i>Impulse</i>	Hopkins, Ellen
<i>Juliet Club</i>	Harper, Suzanne

GRAPHIC NOVELS

<i>Maus/ Maus II</i>	Spiegelman, Art
<i>The Plain Janes</i>	Castellucci, Rugg
<i>American Born Chinese</i>	Leng Yang, Gene

MYSTERIES

<i>Christopher Killer</i>	Ferguson, Alane
<i>The Killer's Cousin</i>	Werlin, Nancy
<i>Wake/Fade</i>	McMann, Lisa
<i>Peeled</i>	Bauer, Joan

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!
 HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND HAPPY READING!**

If you have any questions, please contact the 9th grade liaison,
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