

Summer Study 2021

English Assignment for Girls Entering Group VII

Dear Group VII Girls,

We really look forward to meeting you and exploring some wonderful literature together in Group VII. Your summer assignment for English consists of **four (4)** parts, which are outlined below. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Montgelas (CMontgelas@greenwichacademy.org) or Ms. Thurman (EThurman@greenwichacademy.org) via email.

See you in the fall and happy reading!

Sincerely,
Ms. Montgelas and Ms. Thurman

DIRECTIONS:

1. **ALL MS READ:** Please read *Words With Wings* by Nikki Grimes. You do NOT need to annotate this book.
2. **FREE READING CHOICES:** After researching some of the titles, choose **one** of the books from the attached reading list to read for pleasure. You do NOT need to annotate this book. Just enjoy it!
3. **REQUIRED READING:** Please read and annotate (see directions below) *When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller.

HOW TO ANNOTATE *When You Trap A Tiger*:

- Mark moments in the text when Lily, Sam, or the mom appears to be embarrassed by their family (culture, food, customs, people's actions, beliefs, etc.).
 - Mark moments when these same characters are proud of something about their family. Did something change to make them change their mind?
 - Mark moments of **courage** that the characters exhibit throughout the book.
4. **PARAGRAPH RESPONSE:** After reading *When You Trap a Tiger*, write a paragraph (8-12 sentences) in response to the following question. You may write it out by hand or type it. Make sure to include a topic sentence and a concluding sentence:
 - **PROMPT: What is something about your own family that you have learned to be proud of or learned to embrace as something special/unique?**

(TURN OVER FOR FREE READING CHOICES)

CHOOSE **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR FREE READING CHOICE:

Fantasy/Dystopian Fiction:

- *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman
- *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkein
- *The Selection* by Kiera Cass
- *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer
- *Instant Karma* by Marissa Meyer
- *Echo* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- *Uglies* by Scott Westerfield
- *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard
- *The Belles* by Hollis Clayton
- *Skyhunter* by Marie Lu

Historical Fiction:

- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Pax* by Sarah Pennypacker
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- *One Came Home* by Amy Timberlake
- *The Red Pencil* by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor
- *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk
- *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani
- *We Dream of Space* by Erin Entrada Kelly

Realistic Fiction:

- *Counting By 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- *I'll Be There* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- *Lost in the Sun* by Lisa Graff
- *The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson
- *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- *Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World* by Ashley Herring Blake

Mystery:

- *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie
- *Wake Up Missing* by Kate Messner
- *The Face on the Milk Carton* by Caroline B. Cooney
- *The Strangers* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden
- *The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle* by Leslie Connor

Nonfiction/Biography:

- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality* by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy
- *Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different* by Karen Blumenthal
- *Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Assassin* by James L. Swanson
- *TORPEDOED: The True Story of the World War II Sinking of "The Children's Ship"* by Deborah Heligman
- *Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults): A True Story of the Fight for Justice* by Bryan Stevenson
- *Turning 15 On the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March* by Lynda Blackmon Lowery
- *All 13: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team* by Christina Soontornvat