

Rising 8th grade Summer Reading - required

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THIS SUMMER YOU WILL:

- Read a minimum of 2 novels
- Write 1 reader's response
- Prepare 1 book talk for presentation

READ 2 BOOKS:

- BOOK 1: Read one book chosen from:
 - Tex, S.E. Hinton or
 - Nothing But the Truth, Avi or
 - Hope Was Here, Joan Bauer
- BOOK 2: Read another novel of your choice

WRITE: After reading the book you chose for the first option, write a reader's response.

Your essay must:

- Follow MLA format (proper heading, Times New Roman 12 point font, double spaced, left alignment), at least one page, typed
- Contain your independent and unique ideas, have a clear thesis/controlling idea,
- Reader's response prompt: **How does a theme in this novel connect to the similar theme or another novel you have read recently? Compare and contrast how the authors use different elements (plot, characterization, setting, tone, mood, figurative language) to convey and develop the themes.**
- Do NOT write a plot summary.
- Follow FSA essay structure guidelines (Introduction with controlling idea, body paragraphs with supporting evidence, and conclusion) (TAP, INTRO, ACES, CONCLUSION)
- **You do not need to write a reader's response for the book of your choosing.**

CREATE: After reading the novel of your "free" choice:

- Create a 3 minute book talk about the novel.
- Create a google slides presentation to assist you, but you should not plan to read the slides when you present. Presentations will begin 8.14.23
- Include:
 - Title, Author, Copyright, Genre
 - Identify main characters, include a brief summary of the plot (no spoilers!)
 - An interesting/funny/important quote from the novel (no spoilers), but provide context.
 - 3 reasons why someone should read this book.
 - 2-3 books that are similar ("If you liked ____ and _____, you might like this book.")

SUBMIT: Turn in your book talk slides and reader's response via Ms. Trafton's google classroom titled "23-24 ELA". Please **attach your slideshow and essay** and turn in. The class code is

_____. Your **reader's response is due August 14, 2022 by 8:00am.**