

Language Arts 3-4H

Summer Reading Assignment 2023-24

There are several purposes for having a summer reading assignment. One is simply to start us all on common ground. It gives us something to talk about right away to help us build our learning community. Two, it exposes you to a type of book that you might not normally choose for yourself, which will broaden your literature knowledge. Finally, it will give you something else to do besides completely zone out and watch television all summer long.

Over the summer, please read *11 Seconds* by Travis Roy, and be ready for a test the second week of school. In addition, we will be doing a lot of discussion and a research project over this book, so if you do not read it, you will almost certainly struggle the first several weeks. After each chapter, you may want to write a short summary in the book or on paper to remember what you read or **annotate throughout**. Most students who take the time to do this, perform quite well on the test and research paper.

Rationale/Content/summary: *11 Seconds*

Travis Roy suffered a devastating injury eleven seconds into his first college hockey game. He reveals how he has managed to cope after the accident and, with the help of family and friends, overcome tremendous barriers to begin a new life.