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Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

As the school year draws to a close, we understand that you are busy planning your child's summer activities. Although the summer is a wonderful time for leisure and enjoyment, it often brings with it the risk of the "summer slide." To combat this, the Mount Vernon City School District is implementing a summer reading assignment for all students. Our goal is to mitigate the summer slide's impact and cultivate a passion for reading. Please find below the summer reading assignment.



High School Summer Reading Assignment – 2024

The Mount Vernon City School District extends warm congratulations to your child for successfully completing the 2023 - 2024 academic year. This summer, we invite your child to dive into the world of reading with OverDrive Sora. Your child will select two (2) books to read and then create a journal response, either in digital or print format. All the books will be available until August 26, 2024. If your child is up for the challenge, why not read a few more books? Here is to a summer of fun, imagination, and great reads. Happy reading!

Need help accessing Sora? Click on the link. [Sora Summer Reading 2023 \(screenpal.com\)](https://screenpal.com)

Journal Response Information

- Select 5 excerpts from the book and write a ONE paragraph reflection/reaction for each excerpt (a total of 5 excerpts and 5 reflections/reactions)

Prompts to Help Guide Your Child's Thinking

- *How does this relate to my life?*
- *Something I learned from my reading was...*
- *After reading this part of the book, I realized...*
- *This part of the book is unrealistic/realistic because...*
- *The most important sentence/chapter/part of the book...*
- *That reminds me of...*
- *I felt sad/happy/angry/excited when...*
- *If I could be one of the characters, I would...*

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- *If I could rewrite this section of the book...*
- *I think this means...*
- *I predict that...*
- *How is this plot/theme/conflict/setting/literary technique/style of writing/etc. similar to or different from a movie, book, incident from life, etc.?*

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "K. Veronica Smith". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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