

Summer Reading Assignment

Rising Ninth Grade - CP & Accelerated

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

Welcome to high school! Over the summer, all incoming freshmen are required to read *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom. This powerful novel explores life, purpose, and the unseen ways we impact others.

Please follow the guidelines below to help you prepare for a successful start to the school year.

Assignment Requirements:

1. **Read the entire novel:**

Complete your reading before the first day of school. Bring your copy of the book with you on the first day.

2. **Be prepared for an assessment:**

During the first two weeks of school, you will take a reading assessment covering the novel:

- Key plot events
- Character development
- Themes and symbols

3. **Prepare for an in-class essay:**

You will write an essay analyzing one of the themes of the novel.

Optional Preparation:

To help you remember important details:

- Take brief notes as you read.
- Mark or highlight quotes that stand out.
- Write a short summary after each of the five encounters, including:
 - Who does the protagonist encounter
 - The description of heaven in the encounter
 - The lesson learned from the encounter

Important Reminder: Highlight and annotate as you read. **This assignment will count as your first major English grade of the year.** Stay on track this summer and start high school strong!