

## Summer Reading Enrichment

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that the school year is coming to a close and that summer break is approaching quickly. At Horizon we set the highest of expectations for our students in regards to academics. Throughout the year your child has completed numerous tests, projects, and extensive homework assignments. Even though summer break is approaching, we feel it is extremely important to keep up with the progress your child has made throughout the year. Reading is a key component to being successful in the classroom and we want the students to stay strong in their reading skills throughout the summer and not regress. We have come up with a list of novels and wanted to provide you with activities and enrichment projects to keep your child academically engaged throughout the summer. It is highly recommended that the students complete the enrichment assignment and return the project on the first day of school on Tuesday, August 14th. According to a report released last month by the RAND Corporation, the average summer learning loss in math and reading for American students amounts to lose two months of reading skills. To continue your child's academic gain, we strongly encourage them to complete the summer work so that they transition into the next grade smoothly and confidently. Attached is more information regarding the expectations of the project as well as the list of books that your child should choose from to read over the summer. To receive a copy of the book off the list it is at your own expense to purchase it. You may rent it from the library or purchase a copy online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or find it in a local bookstore.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 440-282-4277 or by email [strohsack@horizonlorain.org](mailto:strohsack@horizonlorain.org). If you have specific questions for the English teachers, feel free to reach out via email at [alexander@horizonlorain.org](mailto:alexander@horizonlorain.org) for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Strohsack





## Summer Reading Program Expectations

**Grades 9-12:** Students going into or currently enrolled in high school should choose a book from the summer reading list below and read that book over the summer. They then are required to complete the project listed below and turn in on the first day of school. There will also be a test taken during the first week of school on the novel you choose.

**Note:** *Please use the back pages of this packet to sign up for Remind. This is where you will be able to ask questions and receive reminders. Pay close attention to which class you are signing up for.*

**ALL ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE TURNED IN ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

### **Book selections for incoming freshmen and sophomores**

#### **9th grade**

1. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie (Young Adult Fiction)
2. Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs (Fantasy)
3. The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
4. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
5. Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

#### **10th grade**

1. The Help by Kathryn Stockett
2. The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
3. The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
4. The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
5. Catch-22 by Joseph Heller

### **Book selections for incoming juniors and seniors.**

#### **11th grade**

1. The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
2. Animal Farm by George Orwell
3. The Sound of Waves by Yukio Mishima
4. The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
5. Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

#### **12th grade**

1. 1984 by George Orwell
2. The Glass Castle—by Jeannette Walls
3. Native Son by Richard Wright

- 4. Life of Pi—by Yann Martel
- 5. The Kite Runner--by Khaled Hosseini

## Explanation/Requirements of projects

### 📖 Summer Reading Assignment 📖 Language Arts

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**Directions:** You are to choose **one novel** from the *provided book lists above*. You must choose a book **ONLY** from the grade level you are ENTERING. I recommend that you *buy* your own copies of the books you choose so that you may write in them, highlighting significant passages, or, make note of questions you may have about the reading. When you engage in a dialogue with a book in this manner, it is likely to affect you more deeply. If you choose not to buy the books, they can be obtained from the local library. Or, feel free to download it to your electronic reading device!

#### Assignment for your chosen novel:

As part of your summer reading assignment, you are to complete **10 reading logs for your fiction novel**. You may want to complete some of the logs while you are still reading the book, instead of completing all 10 after you finish reading it. It will be most beneficial if you break your reading in to 10 chunks and after each section you choose a reading log assignment to complete.

#### Reading log requirements:

- You may select any of the reading log assignments on pages 4-5 of this packet. However, you may *not* repeat log entries. (For example, if you select entry #2 for your first log entry, then you may not select that again).
- **EACH READING LOG MUST BE 1-3 PARAGRAPHS IN LENGTH.**
- Each paragraph should be 6-8 sentences in length, and you must *include specific details/examples from the novel* to support your responses. If you do not, you will not receive credit.
- Use the “Reading Log Entry” worksheet provided on page 6 of this packet. (Note: You will need to copy this worksheet, as I have provided 1 worksheet and you must complete 10 logs).
- Responses may be typed in 12 point font or neatly handwritten, using the “Reading Log Entry” worksheet provided at the end of this document. If typed please use a google doc and share with your teacher. Keep all of the logs in ONE document making sure each is labeled.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders share with [alexander@horizonlorain.org](mailto:alexander@horizonlorain.org)
- Each response should be numbered with the relevant log assignment you chose (for example 4, 5, 9, 13, 14, 17, 21, 22, 25, 27).

## Reading Log Response Options (if you choose fiction assignment)

1. Write a summary of the novel within the pages that you have read. *- indicate what pages you are summarizing*
2. Describe an interesting or important character in the novel.
3. Explore how the main character changed throughout the novel.
4. Write about your favorite and least favorite part of the novel and explain why.
5. Write about an important lesson that was learned in the novel.
6. Explain how the novel reminds you of yourself, people you know, or of something that happened in your life.
7. Describe how this novel is similar or different in comparison to other novels that you have read. Please be specific.
8. Explain how this novel is similar or different in comparison to the other novels that this author has written. (You must have read at least one other novel by this author in order to do this reading log)
9. Explain why this novel is or should be popular with other students in the class.
10. Make a list of "lingering questions" that you have after reading the novel. Explain in detail why you feel that you are left with these lingering questions.
11. Are the characters in this novel realistic? Explain how and why they are or how and why they are not. This question only works for novels that are not based on real people.
12. Describe a character from the novel that you would like to meet. Explain why. It doesn't matter if you liked that character or not, but you should want to meet them.
13. Describe the most important event in the novel. Describe it with details and explain why it is so important.
14. Does the title fit the story? Explain why or why not. Provide specific details from the novel to support your answer.
15. Explain at least three problems that the protagonist faced. Which was the most significant? Explain. Always provide specific details from the novel.
16. Select a quote from your novel. What made you pick it? How did it make you pause and think? Explain. Always provide specific details from the novel.
17. What are some things that you read and that you don't really understand? Always provide specific details from the novel.

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18. What have you found boring about what you have been reading? What made it boring? If you were the author, what would you do to make it more interesting? Always provide specific details from the novel.
19. What is the author trying to tell you about life in this story? Explain why you believe this. Always provide specific details from the novel.
20. Quote a passage that describes how you would like to live your life. Explain why. Always provide specific details from the novel.
21. What special way did the author write? For example, flashbacks, first person POV, multiple voice narrative, foreshadowing. How did this make the writing better or worse? Explain. Always provide specific details from the novel.
22. What are two emotions the main character has felt? What made the main character feel that way? Always provide specific details from the novel.
23. Would you recommend this novel to friends? Please explain. Always provide specific details from the novel.
24. Write a journal entry as if you were a certain character from the novel. Always provide specific details from the novel.
25. Write a review of what you just read. Provide your personal opinions. Always provide specific details from the novel.
26. If I were (name of character) at this point in the story, I would... First explain the situation, what you would do and why?
27. What emotions did this novel evoke in you: laughter, tears, smiles, anger? OR, was the novel, just boring and meaningless? Record some of your reactions. When did these emotions arise in you? First explain the situation, what you would do and why?

Remember: You may choose to type up your journals in a google doc. The google doc will be formatted like the example on the following page. Once completed, it must be shared to [alexander@horizonlorain.org](mailto:alexander@horizonlorain.org)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fiction Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Reminder:  
You will need  
10 copies of  
this sheet.

**Summer Reading Log Sheet**  
**Entry # \_\_\_\_\_**

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