

## HARMONY SCHOOL OF INNOVATION

### Summer Reading Assignment--Grades 6,7, 8

#### **What are you planning to read this summer?**

Summer is almost here, and we know you are excited for all the extra time you will have on your hands. Along with all the other fun things “extra time” means, it also means extra time to kick back, relax, and enjoy a great book.

#### **What do my teachers want to see when I come back in August?**

Your teachers are going to be excited to hear about all the great texts you read over the summer, so make sure you have a way to remember what you read.

Read at least **FOUR** texts over the summer.

Select **AT LEAST THREE** quotable quotes from each book you read. Pick a sentence from somewhere in the beginning of the book, a sentence from somewhere in the middle of the book, and a sentence from the last chapter of the book. Make sure to pick sentences that show or tell something important or meaningful about the characters, the point of view, the theme, or the tone of the book. These should not be random sentences! To complete the assignment, you will need quotes that you could say a lot about.

Finish before school begins, so you don't have to worry completing it along with your schoolwork early next year.

#### **What do I do with my quotable quotes?**

Write them, along with the author, title, and page number, in a notebook or binder you will not lose--or, better yet, save them in a document in google drive, so they can't get lost. Bring them with you on the second day you meet with your English class.

#### **Don't I have to write an essay or a book report or something?**

No! We'll do that in class during the first week of school. Your teacher will give you a choice of several writing prompts, and you will need detailed knowledge of the books you read to answer the prompt. So make sure your quotable quotes are rich and important! That way, you'll have plenty to write about.

#### **I am really busy in the summers, how can I find the time to read FOUR books?**

Reading is a great way to relax, and get ready for the day to end. Reading before bedtime is a good way to have daily time to read.

Carry your books with you! Find time to read in the edges of your life, while waiting at the store, the car wash, for your sibling to get out of their dance or gym or taekwondo class, while you are

with your family running errands.....there are so many times in your life when having a great book with you is just the thing you need!

Don't rush to finish, read a little bit every day, and enjoy it!

**Do you have any recommendations?**

Of course! Here are some from the website Epic Reads. Find even more lists of great books at YALSA.org.

<i>Action</i>	<i>Mystery</i>	<i>Fantasy</i>	<i>Drama</i>
<p><i>The Hunger Games</i> by Suzanne Collins</p> <p><i>The Ward</i> by Jordana Frankel</p> <p><i>I Am Number Four</i> by Pittacus Lore</p> <p><i>Reboot</i> by Amy Tinerta</p> <p><i>An Ember in the Ashes</i> by Sabaa Tahir</p> <p><i>Legend</i> by Marie Lu</p> <p><i>The Maze Runner</i> by James Dashner</p> <p><i>Swindle</i> by Gordon Korman</p> <p><i>Eon</i> by Alison Goodman</p> <p><i>Ready Player One</i> by Ernest Cline</p> <p><i>Maximum Rider</i> by James Patterson</p> <p><i>Capture the Flag</i> by Kate Messner</p>	<p><i>The Graveyard Book</i> by Neil Gaiman</p> <p><i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i> by C.S. Lewis</p> <p><i>The Westing Games</i> by Ellen Raskin</p> <p><i>Howard Wallace, P.I.</i> by Casey Lyal</p> <p><i>Among the Hidden</i> by Margaret Peterson</p> <p><i>Loot</i> by Jude Watson</p> <p><i>The Liar Society</i> by Laura and Lisa Roecker</p> <p><i>We Were Liars</i> by E. Lockhart</p> <p><i>Wonderstruck</i> by Brian Selznick</p>	<p><i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> by Maria Dahvana Headley</p> <p><i>The Giver</i> by Lios Lowry</p> <p><i>The Lightning Thief</i> by Rick Riordan</p> <p><i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> by J.K. Rowling</p> <p><i>The City of Ember</i> by Jeanne DuPrau</p> <p><i>A Monster Calls</i> by Patrick Ness</p> <p><i>Ranger's Apprentice</i> by John Flanagan</p> <p><i>Eragon</i> by Christopher Paolini</p>	<p><i>Schooled</i> by Gordon Korman</p> <p><i>Wonder</i> by R. J. Palacio</p> <p><i>Holes</i> by Louis Sachar</p> <p><i>The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora</i> by Pablo Cartaya</p> <p><i>Posted</i> by John David Anderson</p> <p><i>Ghost</i> by Jason Reynolds</p> <p><i>Fangirl</i> by Rainbow Rowell</p> <p><i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> by William Kamkwamba</p>