

2016 SUMMER READING

Each student will read **TWO** books by the start of school in September. Here are the parameters:

BOOK ONE: “THE FINAL FOUR” BOOK DISCUSSIONS

You will read ONE of the following four texts over the summer, chosen by students:

- *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart
- *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline
- *Where Men Win Glory* by Jon Krakauer
- *Life is Not an Accident* by Jay Williams

Once you read the text, you will prepare the attached graphic organizer, DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. The organizer will be used for a group discussion, to be held during the first week of school. Students will be grouped for discussions based on the text they chose, not based on grade level. Students from each grade will focus on one component of their chosen text:

- Incoming Freshmen - GATHERING EVIDENCE - How do we know what we know about a character or central figure’s fears, conflicts, and values as a result of this text?
- Incoming Sophomores - RECOGNIZING MOTIFS AND LITERARY ELEMENTS - What recurring work, image, or idea conveys the overall meaning of this text?
- Incoming Juniors - PERSUADING EFFECTIVELY - What is the author’s purpose for writing this book? How does he or she convey this purpose?
- Incoming Seniors - SYNTHESIZING INFORMATION - What supplemental information and additional knowledge (about geography, culture, literature, science, technology, current events, etc.) can deepen our understanding of this text?

Grading: Students’ graphic organizers will be scored by their 2015-2016 English teachers. Please do not simply summarize, but analyze and evaluate the text. Discussion contributions will be catalogued by the teacher facilitator of your September discussion group.

BOOK TWO: CHOICE BOOK PROJECT *

With the help of your English teacher, your friends, your parents, and the internet, you will create a list of potential reads for over the summer. Ultimately, you will choose ONE book to read as your choice text and complete a book talk in September. Along with the book talk, you should bring in an artifact for each of your classmates. See the requirements attached.

***DISCLAIMER:** This text should not be one you have read previously and should be considered an appropriate reading level (“Young Adult” or above). Feel free to visit Goodreads.com, Whatshouldireadnext.com, Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, Litpick.com, etc. for help!

Grading: See rubric attached.

***HONORS LEVEL:** You may be required to write a diagnostic essay on either/both books in the first week of school.

***AP LEVEL:** AP students should not choose a second book, but rather follow the guidelines given them by their current English teacher.

Name: _____ Book Title: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Summer Reading 2016 Book 1

Focus:

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Directions: According to your grade level focus, please identify 3 discussion points. For each point you should have a minimum of 2 quotations for support. Your analysis should explain how each quote supports your point.

Point 1: (identify)	Point 2: (identify)	Point 3: (identify)
Textual evidence with page number:	Textual evidence with page number:	Textual evidence with page number:
Analysis/Notes:	Analysis/Notes:	Analysis/Notes:

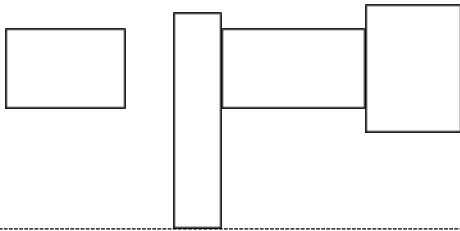
Additional discussion points: _____

Grade: _____

“SPEED READING” Artifacts

You will speak to each classmate for two minutes about the book you’re choosing to book talk. However, it is also your job to give each peer an artifact so they remember your book when it’s time to pick up their next. **Bring 25 copies to class.** Here are your options:

THE BUSINESS CARD	THE BOOKMARK	THE REFERENCE CARD
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THE SHAPE:	THE SHAPE:	THE SHAPE: or
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WHAT IT CONTAINS:

- Character or author name
- His or her services
- Contact information (Be creative here!)
- Book Title and Author in small font in a margin somewhere

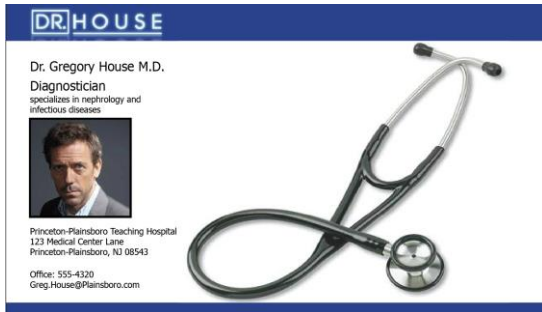
WHAT IT CONTAINS:

- Background décor or border that makes sense with the book
- Book Title
- Author
- In largest font, a memorable and meaningful quote from the text.

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- Book Title
- Author
- A memorable and meaningful quote from the text.
- A picture or visual that is NOT the book cover, but is relevant to the text.

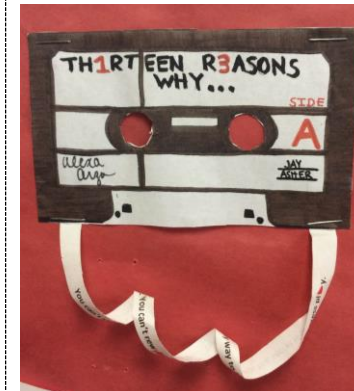
SAMPLE:



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Speed Reading Rubric

NAME _____

IN-CLASS SCORE:

_____/10 Discussion of the text shows preparation and focus

_____/10 Information is meant to intrigue and interest the reader, not simply summarize the plot; no spoilers are given

COMMENTS:

ARTIFACT SCORE:

_____/10 Graphics are interesting and relevant to the text, creativity is demonstrated

_____/10 Tag line or quote grabs the reader's interest and reveals a key component of the text without giving away the entire story

_____/10 All required elements are present/visible

COMMENTS:

Total: _____/50