

Dear Incoming 9th Graders and their Parents:

The Summer Reading Program at Goddard High School helps maintain our rigorous college preparatory curriculum. Please encourage your child to read **ONE novel** of their choice from the list below. The list is comprised of books from the New York Public Library's recommended books for teens.

The assignment below is due on the first day of classes and will count towards the 1st Quarter English Grade.

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
100 Sideways Miles by Andrew Smith
Save Yourself by Kelly Braffet
The Impossible Knife of Memory by Laurie Halse Anderson
Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

The End Games by Michael Martin
Zero by Tom Leveen
The Lions of Little Rock Kristin Levine
Tomboy: A Graphic Memoir Liz Prince
Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng
If I ever Get Out of Here by Eric Gansworth

CHOOSE ASSIGNMENT A OR B: Please write the essay yourself, plagiarism is not allowed.

A) Write a five paragraph essay that identifies an obstacle the main character must overcome. Explain how the character overcomes the obstacle with specific details and textual evidence from the novel. Do not simply write a summary of the book. Be sure your essay has an introduction, body and conclusion. Please type and print out your work.

OR

B) Write a five-paragraph essay that identifies a central idea from the novel. Explain how that central idea (**main idea**) is conveyed to the reader using specific details and textual evidence. Do not simply write a summary of the book. Be sure your essay has an introduction, body and conclusion. Please type and print out your work.

Example of a central idea: The central idea is that a person who has difficulty dealing with reality will sometimes escape into a fantasy world.

In addition to reading please note that the following supplies must be brought in on the first day of school to the English teacher.

*Flash drive
*College ruled loose-leaf , 8 ½ by 11 (2 packs)
*Binder
*Pens and pencils (enough for school year)

*Tissues
*Standard size index cards
*Post-its
*Highlighters

We look forward to seeing you at Freshmen Orientation on Tuesday, September 6th at 10:00 am.

Sincerely,

The 9th Grade Team of Teachers