



GRADE 9 ~ 2017 Summer Reading

For your summer reading assignment, you will read a book of your choice. The major requirement is that the book will follow the grade wide theme of *Facing Prejudice*. Prejudice is when someone has a preconceived opinion or unreasonable feelings about a particular group of people. As you read, be sure to pay attention to events when the character faces prejudice.

There will be minimal writing about the book you read this summer, but you are encouraged to take book notes that you can use to write an essay on the second day of school.

NOTE: You will receive the writing prompt the first week in English class, and the writing you complete in class will count as your first quiz grade of the year.

While you can choose almost any book that follows the grade-wide theme, please look up and consider the options below. The bold options are titles that your future teachers will read this summer too!

SUGGESTED BOOKS

- ✓ *Autumn Street* – Lois Lowry
- ✓ *A Handful of Stars* – Cynthia Lord
- ✓ *Wonder* – RJ Palacio
- ✓ *Romiette and Julio* – Sharon M. Draper
- ✓ *American Born Chinese* – Gene Luen Yang
- ✓ *Whale Talk* – Chris Crutcher
- ✓ *Lies We Tell Ourselves* – Robin Talley
- ✓ *Perks of Being a Wallflower* – Stephen Chobosky
- ✓ *Fat Kids Rule the World* – K.L. Gong
- ✓ *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* – Mark Haddon
- ✓ *The Sixteenth Round* – Rubin “Hurricane” Carter
- ✓ *Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac* – Gabrielle Zevin
- ✓ ***Buddha Boy*** – Kathe Koja
- ✓ ***The Pregnancy Project*** – Gaby Rodriguez

***DO NOT READ LIST:**

- ~ *Of Mice and Men*
- ~ *Night*
- ~ *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- ~ *Romeo and Juliet*
- ~ *A Raisin the Sun*
- ~ *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian*
- ~ *The Outsiders*
- ~ *A Child Called It*
(and all books in this series)
- ~ *First They Killed My Father*
- ~ *Soul Surfer*
- ~ *Speak*

***Students will not receive summer reading credit for these books**

HELPFUL TIPS:

- Write down the title and author of your book and write a brief description of your major character.
- When you write your essay in school, only hand written notes on paper or in your book will be allowed. **Do not print or type notes as you will not be allowed to use them.**
- Summer reading credit will not be given if you write about a book that you already read as part of prior English curriculum or a book from the Do Not Read List.
- Consider using Goodreads.com or asking your local librarian to help you select an appropriate book.
- If you purchased your book, please bring the novel to class.

BOOK NOTE IDEAS

This is optional but encouraged!

To help you remember key ideas from the book you read, your teachers encourage you to take notes to paraphrase (or summarize in your own words) key points. We welcome you to take notes in the margins of the book or on post-it notes if you purchased your own copy. If you borrow a book from the library or a friend, consider **one** of these strategies to take notes:

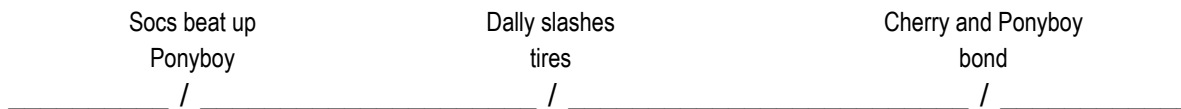
OPTION A:

Perhaps set up a chart like this and continue adding many details to each column:

Plot	Conflict	Theme
Cherry and Ponyboy bond	Tires slashed	Socs vs. Greasers because of money
Greasers clean themselves up	Church fire	

OPTION B:

Or perhaps try a timeline where you document examples of prejudice the characters face.



OPTION C:

Some people prefer to bullet point key ideas after they read each chapter: When deciding what to write down, keep the theme of facing prejudice in mind.

Chapter 1

X Socs beat up Ponyboy because of differences

X

Chapter 2

X Dally slashes tires

OPTION D:

Others prefer the plot diagram: You can diagram specific examples of the character(s) experiences with prejudice.

