

Assignments for the Incoming 6th Graders:

Literature:

Church, Alfred. *The Iliad for Boys and Girls*

Spyri, Johanna. *Heidi* ISBN 0670869872

De Amicis, Edmondo. *Heart: An (Italian) Schoolboy's Journal*

You are required to read all three selections over the summer. However, as a writing assignment, select one and write a brief summary per chapter (one paragraph per chapter summary minimum). Paragraphs must be five to seven sentences.

Note: Particular editions that are recommended will show an ISBN. However, it is not meant to be seen as a requirement. Whichever physical edition you are comfortable with will be fine as long as it is unabridged.

Complete 1 hour of Edgenuity in your reading/ELA folders per week. Please complete 6 hours total. The review will help in both your Literature and your ELA classes.

ELA:

In addition to the literature assignments, please complete the following:

1. Purchase a compositional notebook (please no spiral notebooks allowed!) and decorate the outside covers. This will be your freewrite journal for the upcoming school year. We will work on different writing techniques in the journal and it will be a staple in your ELA education in middle school. You can decorate the cover by: cutting out images of things that have meaning to you, words that inspire you, pictures of people/things that hold special significance, stickers, ticket stubs, and other trinkets that you would like to preserve and reflect upon during the course of the year. When finished, PLEASE TAPE DOWN the cover so that the cover withstands wear-and-tear for the year. You can purchase CLEAR PACKING TAPE (not scotch tape) or CLEAR STICKY BOOK COVERS to do this. Please bring the DECORATED freewrite journal to school on the FIRST day of school.

2. Choose 1 item from the list below. Please watch/read and do the next assignment.

- a. MOVIE: Queen of Katwe (Disney)
- b. BOOK: I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Students will either watch the movie OR read the book. Then they will pick 3 pivotal/important moments or scenes from either story and they will write 3 different reflection entries pretending that they are a particular character responding to /reflecting on that pivotal moment. For example: "Dear Diary, today... signed, ____ (character name) ____". Each entry must be typed, Times New Roman, font 12, double spaced, and minimum of 15 sentences for each of the 3 reflections. Please print and bring with you on the FIRST day of school.

Assignments for the Incoming 7th Graders:

Literature:

Church, Alfred. *The Odyssey for Boys and Girls*
London, Jack. *The Call of the Wild*. ISBN 0670867969

You are required to read both selections over the summer. However, as a writing assignment, select one and write a brief summary per chapter (one paragraph per chapter summary minimum). Paragraphs must be seven to nine sentences.

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2. Choose 1 item from the list below. Please watch/read and do the next assignments.
 - a. MOVIE: Remember the Titans OR The Finest Hours
 - b. BOOK: The Finest Hours by Michael J. Tougas

Students will either watch 1 movie OR read the book. Then they will pick 4 pivotal/important moments or scenes from either story and they will write 4 reflection entries pretending that they are a particular character responding to that pivotal moment. "Dear Diary, today... signed, _____ (character name) _____". Each entry must be typed, Times New Roman, font 12, double spaced, and minimum of **15** sentences each. Please print and bring with you on the FIRST day of school.

Assignments for the incoming 8th Graders:

Literature:

Church, Alfred. *The Aeneid for Boys and Girls*

Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women* ISBN 0670877069

Doyle, Arthur Conan *The Hound of the Baskervilles* ISBN 0670036544

You are required to read all three selections over the summer. However, as a writing assignment, select one and write a brief summary per chapter (one paragraph per chapter summary minimum). Paragraphs must be seven to nine sentences.

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2. Choose 1 item from the list below. Please watch/read and do the next assignments.

a. MOVIE: "Pursuit of Happyness" (Will Smith)

b. BOOK: Outcasts United by Warren St. John

Students will either watch the movie OR read the book. Then they will pick 5 pivotal/important moments or scenes from either story and they will write 5 reflection entries pretending that they are a particular character responding to that pivotal moment. "Dear Diary, today... signed, _____ (character name) ____". Each entry must be typed, Times New Roman, font 12, double spaced, and minimum of 15 sentences each. Please print and bring with you on the FIRST day of school.