

# A.E. Phillips Summer Reading Assignment

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade at A.E. Phillips need to read at least 2 books this summer. Students are required to read a dystopian novel and another novel of their choice.

Book #1 - Self-selected novel (choose one of the following or two dystopian novels):

- *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gemifer Choldenko
- *Raft* by Stephanie A. Bodeen
- *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
- *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum
- *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman
- *The Heist Society* by Ally Carter
- *I Survived: Tornado Terror* by Lauren Tarshis
- *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor
- *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson
- *One Shot at Forever: A Small Town, an Unlikely Baseball Coach, and a Magical Baseball Season* by Chris Ballard
- *Gutless* by Carl Deuker

Book #2 - Self-selected dystopian novel (choose one or two of the following):

- *Maze Runner* by James Dashner (or any in the series)
- *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins (or any in the series)
- *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman
- *Divergent* by Veronica Roth (or any in the series)
- *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld (or any in the series)
- *Feed* by M. T. Anderson
- *City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau (or any in the series)
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle
- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix (or any in the series)

### 1. Assignment for required reading:

- Read your dystopian novel. Complete a plot diagram about the book. Include the characters and setting in the exposition, 4-5 events in the rising action, the climax, 2-3 events in the falling action and the resolution. Also include 3 thematic topics explored in the book and one thematic statement. You can use the plot diagram provided or draw and label your own.
- During the first week of school you will take an AR test on this book.
- A grade will be taken for the AR test and the plot diagram.

### 2. Assignment for self-selected novel: (REMEMBER: Self Selected novel must be on the list above.)

- Do not choose a book you have already read.
- Bring a copy of this book for the first week of school. You will use the book to give a book talk to the class. DO NOT prepare the book talk ahead of time. Instead, you will receive a format for the book talk in class once school begins.
- During the first week of school you will take an AR test on these books.
- A grade will be taken for both the book talks and the AR tests. (If you have already taken the AR test on the book, you have already read the book. Which means you will get a 0!)

\* Bring your dystopian and self-selected novel to school in the fall. We will be using the books in class as well.