

A.E.Phillips Summer Reading Assignment
7th grade

Students entering 7th grade at AEP will be required to read at least 1 dystopian novel and 1 book of choice this summer from the list below.

1. Please select a dystopian novel from the list :
 - *Maze Runner* by James Dashner (or any in the series)
 - *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins (or any in the series)
 - *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld (or any in the series)
 - *City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau (or any in the series)
 - *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix (or any in the series)
 - *Divergent* by Veronica Rath (or any in the series)
 - *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle

2. Please select a novel of choice as well. Here are some suggestions that will definitely be worth your time. The only thing you need to do for this novel is be prepared to take AR test(s).
 - *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko
 - *Raft* by Stephanie A. Bodeen
 - *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio
 - *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor
 - *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
 - *Inside Out & Back Again* by Thanhha Lai (also the sequel *When Clouds Touch Us*)
 - *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson

Personal choice authors:

Karen Kingsbury, Elisa Carbone, J.K. Rowling, Mike Lupica, James Swanson, etc.

STEPS TO COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENT Reading List #1!:**

1. Read your dystopian novel of choice.
2. Complete a plot diagram (story layout) about the book—
 - Include characters and setting
 - 2-3 events in the rising action

- the climax
- 2-3 events in the falling action
- the resolution
- include three thematic topics explored/ addressed in the book
- one theme statement
- Include an illustration that represents your thematic statement.

Please be creative as you create your plot diagram. Any format is acceptable (This can be completed on a poster board or a slideshow).

*** You will take AR tests (comprehension, vocabulary, and literacy) on this book during the first week of school.

Note: (A theme statement is an overall lesson/ message the book is radiating. It does not include characters' names or specific events. Included are some examples.)

Example of a thematic topic:

Hope

Love

Resilience

Example of a thematic statement:

Without hope, nothing is possible.

Genuine love requires putting the needs and well-being of others above one's own desires.

Adversity does not build character; it reveals it, giving us the opportunity to cultivate resilience and turn wounds into wisdom

*Note: not all novels have comprehension, vocabulary and literacy tests available. You will be required to test on whatever that particular novel contains.

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