

Holy Savior Academy

Language Arts

8th Grade Summer Assignment 2022

Why summer reading? - It is important that students continue to read during the summer. The purpose of summer reading is to encourage the enjoyment of reading and to develop students' independent reading skills. Summer is an excellent time to discover new authors and explore new subjects, without most of the pressures that are present during the school year. Another one of the benefits of summer is having the extra time to read books YOU choose!

Assignment - All incoming 8th grade students are required to read GOODBYE STRANGER by Rebecca Stead, OR THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW by SE Hinton as well as a novel of your choice. You will also be required to complete and submit 2 written assignments about the novels. These are listed below and are due the first week of school.

Goodbye Stranger/ That was then, This is Now WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT - Choose one character from the book and discuss the development of that particular character throughout the story. Explain how the character changes or develops using specific textual evidence to support your point. Each piece of textual evidence should be carefully analyzed as to how it is significant to the character and the storyline. Be sure to correctly cite page numbers of textual evidence if you use any direct quotes. Your response should be about 2 – 3 paragraphs.

FOR YOUR OWN BOOK SELECTION:

Final connection/reflection:

Write a one to two (1 – 2) paragraph reflection connecting Goodbye Stranger / That was then, This is Now To your novel choice. You may approach this in many ways. The connection may be a theme, setting, subject, author, or any other link that strikes you. Here are some questions to think about (you do not have to and should not answer all of them; they are to help you get thinking:

- How are the books similar? How are they different?
- Is there a thematic tie or other common element between the two pieces or are they very different? How so?
- How do the authors compare in terms of writing style?
- What drew you to read each of these particular texts? Did you have the same reason for choosing them? Or did you have a different reason for reading each one?
- Would you recommend them to others? If so, why would you recommend them? If not, why would you not recommend them?

Provide specific textual evidence to support your response. You should support your ideas with at least two (2) examples from each book; therefore, your response will be 1 – 2 paragraphs for this part

Reading two books and completing the writing assignment above is required; however, I highly encourage you to read additional books! Choose something that is fun and interesting to you...ENJOY READING!

If you have any questions about this assignment, please feel free contact me at mpigna@holysavioracademy.com. Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pigna