

Incoming 9th Grader - Summer Reading Assignment - DUE: Monday, August 19

Welcome to your new college prep high school! To get you started on your journey here at RISE, please be sure your scholar completes the following by Monday, Aug. 19. *This will be your scholar's FIRST grade in their ELA core class.*

Assignment: Select one of the texts listed below. Read the entire book and write a full paragraph in response to ONE of the following prompts:

Identify a central idea (theme) in the book and explain how the author develops it.

OR

Explain how the author develops a main character over the course of the novel..

Criteria for Success (What you need to include for a passing grade):

- Identifies a valid central idea in the text
- Briefly summarizes plot
- Includes 2+ pieces of direct textual evidence
- Is a complete paragraph (minimum of 5-10 sentences)
- Is written with correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar
- Uses academic language and varied sentence structure

Book options:**

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe - Benjamin Alire Saenz

Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship—the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. And it is through this friendship that Ari and Dante will learn the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be.

The Hate U Give - Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed

War Dances - Sherman Alexie

Alexie delivers a heartbreaking, hilarious collection of stories that explores the precarious balance between self-preservation and external responsibility in art, family, and the world at large. With unparalleled insight into the minds of artists, laborers, fathers, husbands, and sons, Alexie populates his stories with ordinary men on the brink of exceptional change.

****All of these texts are available through the Denver Public Library or to purchase on Amazon or another book seller.**

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