

Summer Reading Assignment Incoming Pre AP 8th Graders Canyon Middle School 2016-2017

We are excited to have you in Pre AP ELA! We can't wait to meet you next school year and look forward to getting started. Our class will begin the year with your summer reading assignment. You are asked to read *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak **OR** *Night* by Elie Weisel in its entirety by Monday, August 29 and turn in the assignment to your ELA teacher. However, you can turn it in the first day of school, which is Tuesday, August 23, 2015. We will start discussing and evaluating the novel through class activities after the 2nd week of school.

For this particular assignment, marking in the actual book can be beneficial: therefore you will need to purchase a copy to write in and highlight. If cost is a consideration, be sure to shop used bookstores, or you can check online.

Along with reading the novel, you will need to complete a tic tac toe, which is found on back of this page. You **MUST** use the **middle square** to make 3 in a row. You only have to do 3 of the assignments and again those 3 must be in a row. Assignments can be typed or handwritten NEATLY!

This assignment is due Monday, August 29.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in August! Happy reading!!!

Thank you,

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Models</u></p> <p>Produce models of 10 objects, which were important to the book. You must also list those objects and tell why or how they were important to the plot.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Compare and Contrast (for <i>Book Thief</i>)</u></p> <p>Compare and contrast this novel with another book, short story or poem that you have read. Create a chart that compares and contrasts the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Setting -Theme -Characters -Elements of plot <p>Include the book title, short story title or poem, with the author's name.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Memoir (for <i>Night</i>)</u></p> <p>What would be your memoir? Share a personal experience in a 3-5 page typed essay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Double space -size 12 cambria, arial or times new roman font 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Point of View</u></p> <p>Retell a major event from the story from a different character's point of view. This must be at least one full page in length (can be written or typed).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Theme</u></p> <p>At the end of the novel, come up with 3 possible theme statements that you think were being taught through the story. What did or could you learn from this story as the reader?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List these 3 theme statements somewhere in the back of the book or on a separate piece of paper. 2. Explain why you chose these 3 themes 3. Use evidence from text to support your themes. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Comments/Questions</u></p> <p>In the space before OR after each chapter, write one question you have about what is going on and one comment about what you think of the story. These questions/comments can be about plot, character or setting. Don't write a summary, think about what is going on and write thought provoking sentences.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***YOU MUST USE MIDDLE SQUARE*****</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Character traits</u></p> <p>Write a full (physical and emotional) description of a major character. Tell the character's strengths and weaknesses. Describe at least one major conflict and how the character reacted to it and resolved it. (at least one page) Create a color drawing of the character too.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Connections</u></p> <p>Make 10 connections with the novel. They can be text to self or text to world/society. Make sure connections are valid and have depth. Use evidence from the text including page numbers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Proverbs/sayings</u></p> <p>Craft a list of at least 10 proverbs or familiar sayings. Decide which character should have followed which proverb and why.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Test</u></p> <p>Create a multiple choice/short answer test based on the novel with an answer key. (it can be hand written or typed) You must have 25 questions that cover the entire novel.</p>

