

ELA 1st Novel Reading

DIVERGENT by Veronica Roth

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

Welcome back, and welcome to 8th Grade ELA. I am ecstatic to announce that our very first novel reading will be Veronica Roth's **DIVERGENT**. This is an action-packed, 487 page piece of dystopian fiction set in futuristic Chicago that will prepare students for this year's 8th grade PBL project. Please ensure that your student has a copy of our 1st novel by [September 3rd](#).

As I will explain further in the coming weeks, we have secured a class set of the novel via our school library, but these books cannot be annotated. Students who choose to check out a school copy must agree to use sticky notes during our close-reading of the novel for the duration of our unit. School library copies are not available for check out just yet, I will inform students when they arrive.

As such, students have **3 OPTIONS** in order to secure a copy by the deadline:

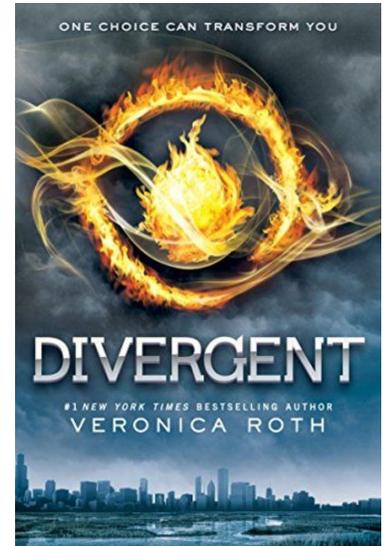
1. **RENT A COPY from a local library for FREE** (use sticky notes for close reading).
NOTE - All County of Los Angeles Libraries, including Pico Rivera and Rivera Public Library **CAN ORDER** this book **FOR YOU, FOR FREE**, should they run out of available copies. All you need is a library card! The library will inform you when the book is ready for pickup. See a librarian for details.
2. **Purchase a USED copy online**. Amazon is a cost-friendly way to ensure that your student is able to read and annotate their own text. Current Amazon prices start around \$5.00. Barnes & Noble Booksellers also carry the novel.
3. **RENT A COPY from our school library**. Keep in mind that these books have **NOT** arrived yet, and it will take a week or two to prepare them for check out once they do. (Use sticky notes for close reading).

Please work with your child in securing a copy of the novel in a way that is most convenient for your family. It will only aid your child in keeping on top of their reading both in and outside of class. **NOTE: We will NOT begin reading the novel until September**, in order to give students time to obtain a copy and begin reading. Given the length of **DIVERGENT**, we will spend several weeks on this adventure. I highly recommend you begin reading as early as the first 2 weeks of school to get ahead.

Happy reading!

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8TH GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

1st Novel: DIVERGENT

We have read and fully understand the expectations outlined in the announcement above regarding our first ELA novel: DIVERGENT by Veronica Roth. My student will be prepared for our first novel unit by:

1. Obtaining a copy of the book by **SEPTEMBER 3rd**
2. Beginning to read the novel as soon as possible, preferably within the first 2 weeks of school. Reading a minimum of the first **3 chapters** by the deadline is recommended.

My student plans on:

- Renting a copy from a local library.

Name of library: _____

*We are aware of our option to ORDER a copy via the FREE Inter-Library loan (ILL) service should our local library have no available copies. Post-its will be used for annotations in library books.

- Purchasing a copy online OR at a local bookstore

Name of website/store: _____

- Speaking with you about renting a school library copy.

*We understand that copies may not be available until late August/early September. THIS MAY CAUSE A DELAY in sufficient preparation for our 1st novel unit. Post-its will be used for annotations in library books.

Student name: _____

Period: _____

Student signature: _____

Parent name: _____

Parent signature: _____

Due by Friday, August 17th, 2018