

**Incoming Freshman and Sophomore Summer Reading Assignment 2018
SEP Class of 2021 and 2022**

Reading is essential for student success. Studies suggest that students who chose to read self selected literature for pleasure performed better in English, mathematics, science, and history. In order to encourage pleasure reading among students, SEP will be starting book club groups on goodreads.com for the freshman and sophomore classes this fall. Meanwhile, this year students will be expected to read two age-appropriate novels over the summer, and to write very brief reactions.

On the first day of school, students should hand in, on loose leaf, the following:

For each novel read:

Title and Author Genre (i.e. mystery, science fiction, drama)

of stars (on a scale of 1-5) you would give the novel

1-2 sentence answers to each of the following questions:

1. What did you like or dislike most about the novel?
2. What was one writing technique or literary element the author used well (ex. imagery, characterization, diction, description of setting)?

NO SPOILERS! Be careful that your review does not contain spoilers (statements which give away information about the plot of the novel.)

If you aren't sure what to read, you can look on goodreads.com for lists of popular novels for young adults. In addition, our staff and some of our students have put together a list of their favorites for you. (Please note, some of the material in these novels might not be appropriate for all young adults, and parents should use discretion when helping students choose a book to read.) Some of our picks:

The Fault in Our Stars, John Green

The Outsiders, S.E. Hinton

Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, Ransom Riggs

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, J.K. Rowling

Crossroads, Mary Ting

Emma, Jane Austen

Little Women, Louisa May Alcott

Flipped, Wendelin Van Draanen

The Giver, Lois Lowry

Holes, Louis Sachar

Pigman, Paul Zindel

The Contender, Robert Lipsyte