



**Summer Reading  
Entering Grade 9**

All students are required to read two works per grade level. On the first full day of school, students will submit a typed 250 (400 for Honors) word essay using the essay prompt for the novel. The essays should be double spaced in 12 pt. font. Content should demonstrate effective writing skills: clear thesis, freedom from grammatical and spelling errors, evidence of interaction with the text and an effective conclusion.

For the second work, students will choose a work and create a presentation to deliver during the second week of school.

**Pre 9th grade CP Novel**

*Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25* by Richard Paul Evans

Essay Prompt: Using examples from the novel, discuss how Michael Vey is anything but an average 14-year-old. Include your own opinion of the main character.

**Pre 9th grade Honors Novel**

*Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand (the Young Adult Adaptation is acceptable)

Essay prompt: Summarize the part of the novel that most affected you or spoke to you about your own character in a time of crisis. Note the page numbers of the section that you are summarizing and bring the book to class the first day. Then react to the novel as a whole by comparing it to the film by Angelina Jolie.

**Required – Honors and CP**

READER'S CHOICE - Choose any novel or work of nonfiction containing at least 150 pages that you have not previously read. Props and/or a poster may be used but are not required. You will need to bring the book with you to class for an oral presentation during the second week of school.