



**Summer Reading
Entering Grade 9**

All students are required to read two novels 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 first 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 novel, students should give an oral presentation of their Reader's Choice selection. Oral presentations will begin during the second full week of school.

Pre 9th grade CP First 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 First novel

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

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.