



WSL's Incoming 8th Grade ELA Summer Reading and Writing Assignment 2017-18 School Year

Dear Scholars, Parents and Guardians,

Waterside School for Leadership is committed to doing everything possible to improve the reading comprehension and fluency skills of all of our scholars. Recognizing that reading should take place every day and not just when school is in session, we have developed a Summer Reading assignment. The goal of the assignment is to ensure that all scholars are taking necessary steps to progress in their reading levels as well as serve as a path to one of our first ELA units in the upcoming school year.

We have chosen the book **Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card** for scholars to read over the summer. All scholars must read and write about this book. The book is available at the library or can be downloaded as a PDF on our website at www.watersideschoolforleadership.com.

Once scholars have read the book, they will ***complete an essay which will be their first writing piece in their portfolio for the upcoming school year***. They will also complete a Quote Reflection assignment.

Expectations for Scholar Summer Reading assignment:

- Read 2 hours per week and log minutes on MYON or fill out MSQI reading log
- Read The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
- Write an essay (**ON GOOGLEDOCS**) following the instructions in the provided assignment packet ○ If scholars are not able to access a computer to type their essay, there will be specific technology days at the school in which scholars may come into the building to type their essay
- Quote reflection assignment following the instructions provided in the assignment packet (also required to complete digitally)

Reading logs and all summer reading assignments are due on the first day of school for the 20172018 school year which is September 7, 2017.

Points will be deducted if submitted late.

Have a safe, and wonderful summer. Happy Reading!



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Focus Question: How do the events in the plot help support the theme?

Background: Every story has a theme – a life lesson or moral. Usually, readers can identify the theme to an overarching topic by analyzing the events in the plot. How does the plot help you to determine the big idea/moral of the story?

Task: You must read a book and use your graphic organizer to select a theme record evidence of how the theme is supported by the different events in the plot.

Steps to Success:

1. Scholars must read the novel, Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
2. Keep notes about the events in the plot and theme on graphic organizer
3. Use the Outline to help you draft and publish your essay on Google Doc (If you need to use a computer, the school will be opened on certain days allowing you access to a computer.)
4. Must include a Cover Page: Title that relates to the theme of your essay, First and Last name
5. Return this outline with quote assignment to your ELA teacher the first day of school

Checklist for Your Outline:

Introduction

- ____ Introduce the book you read
- ____ Introduce the theme of the book and author
- ____ Identify events in the plot that helped you to identify the theme

Body Paragraph 1 (Event #1)

- ____ Define the 1st event (topic sentence) in the plot that helped you to identify the theme
- ____ Explain why you think that event helped you to identify the theme
- ____ Use one text based detail to prove your claim
- ____ Explain how this detail supports the trait you have selected
- ____ Use a second text based detail to prove your claim
- ____ Explain how this detail supports the trait you have selected

Body Paragraph 2 (Event #2)

___ Define the 2nd event (topic sentence) in the plot that helped you to identify the theme

___ Explain why you think that event helped you to identify the theme

___ Use one text based detail to prove your claim

___ Explain how this detail supports the trait you have selected

___ Use a second text based detail to prove your claim

___ Explain how this detail supports the trait you have selected

Body Paragraph 3 (Event #3)

___ Define the 3rd event (topic sentence) in the plot that helped you to identify the theme

___ Explain why you think that event helped you to identify the theme

___ Use one text based detail to prove your claim

___ Explain how this detail supports the trait you have selected

___ Use a second text based detail to prove your claim

___ Explain how this detail supports the trait you have selected

Conclusion

___ Paraphrase your theme of the novel, and summarize the content of your essay

___ Your overall thoughts or reactions to the character/book **OR** What life lesson have you learned based on the theme?

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Summer Assignment: Note-Passing Quote Analysis

Analyzing the quote below: **Explain** what you believe the quote is saying. State whether you **agree or disagree** with the quote? **Why?**

“Remember the difference between a boss and a leader; a boss says ‘Go!’ a leader says ‘Let’s go!’” -E. M. Kelly

Rate your understanding of the quote: _____

Red – I don’t understand it

Yellow – I understand part of it

Green – I understand it and can discuss/explain it

Explain how this quote identifies the theme of leadership

Do you agree or disagree with what the quote is saying? Why?

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“Leadership cannot be given, it must be earned. It cannot be taken away, you lose it by lack of performance.”

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Explain how this quote identifies the theme of leadership :

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