



SMITHTOWN

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

English 9 Honors Summer Assignment 2023-2024

Due Date: Friday, September 15th, 2023

In order to prepare for English 9 Honors, it is necessary for you to practice your critical reading and writing skills. This assignment is designed to give you a glimpse into the types of skills you will need to be successful in the course. Most importantly, it requires you to read, write, and think at an honors-level.

Assignment:

Read a contemporary YA novel of your choice. If you need help choosing a book, The Smithtown Library can help guide your selection.

****You must get parental/guardian permission for the book you choose to read.****

As you read, annotate the work by either writing in your own copy or in a composition notebook. When annotating, please consider the following:

- Track the development of characters, conflicts, themes, imagery, etc.
- Reflect on the content; synthesize what is important and why.
- Ask questions—which often helps to clarify meaning.
- Make predictions (inferences) based on textual evidence.
- State opinions and be able to defend those opinions.
- Analyze the author's craft.
- Make connections to other aspects of the text itself, to other works of literature, and to you and the world around you.
- Reflect on your reading process—how you read and your comprehension.