

Honors English 9

Summer Reading Assignment

Directions: For your summer reading assignment, please complete the following assignment.

Part 1: Choose and read ONE of the following young adult novels:

- A. *Boy 21* by Matthew Quick
- B. *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green
- C. *Challenger Deep* by Neal Shusterman
- D. *The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B* by Teresa Toten

Part 2: When you've finished reading your novel, please answer the following questions USING TEXT-BASED evidence to support your answers, opinions, or analysis.

Either type and print your responses or write them NEATLY on a separate sheet of paper.

Please be prepared to turn them in on the first day of classes. Make an extra copy to keep for yourself.

- A. Is your novel written in first-person point of view, second-person point of view, or third-person point of view? How does the point of view of the novel affect the reader's experience and overall understanding of the text? What SPECIFIC, TEXT-BASED evidence from the novel leads you to this conclusion?
- B. In your novel, how does the main character attempt to overcome both external AND internal conflicts? In your opinion, to what degree is the main character successful or not successful in his or her attempts? What SPECIFIC, TEXT-BASED evidence from the novel leads you to this conclusion?
- C. What do you feel is the MAIN MESSAGE or OPINION that the novel attempting to transmit to its audience through the use of plot, characters, setting, etc.? What SPECIFIC, TEXT-BASED evidence from the novel leads you to this conclusion?
- D. How does the novel portray the mental health concerns of its protagonist and/or supporting characters? To what degree do these characters successfully or unsuccessfully manage or engage with their particular conditions? Please use SPECIFIC, TEXT-BASED evidence from the novel to support your analysis.

Please be thorough in your responses. While I don't need essay-length responses for each question, I do need to know that you have successfully engaged with this book on an academic level. PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE TEXT-BASED EVIDENCE.

Please email me with any major questions or concerns: cstanchek@wyoarea.org