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Summer Reading Assignment 2018
MYP Language and Literature Year 1
Due Date: Friday, August 17, 2018

Over the summer you are required to read a *minimum of two books*. After reading these two books, you will write a letter to your 6th grade Language and Literature teacher, Mrs. Hitch, describing the characters in the two books and comparing the characters to you.

This letter will serve as your first major writing grade for sixth grade and will be due on the second Friday of the school year.

First Book Choice:

You may choose any grade level historical fiction novel to read.

In the first unit of this year we will be reading the historical fiction books *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis and *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse. These books are set during the 1930s during the time of the Great Depression. The essential question that we will be asking is “How can enduring tremendous hardship contribute to personal transformation?”

[Historical Fiction Book Options](#) (These are simply options if you are having trouble choosing a book.)

Second Book Choice:

You may choose any grade level fiction novel to read.

Writing Assignment:

My first book choice of a historical fiction novel was:

The main character of this book is named: _____

As you read, use the chart below to take notes about this character: (for book choice 1)

<p><u>Basic Facts</u> <i>What is the main character's name? How old is the character? Where is he/she from?</i></p>	
<p><u>Physical Description</u> <i>What does this character look like? What are some of this character's important physical features?</i></p>	
<p><u>Family</u> <i>Describe the character's family – mother, father, siblings, children</i></p>	
<p><u>Personality</u> <i>What are three personality traits of this character? Describe how he/she acts.</i></p>	

My second free choice fictional novel of choice that I read was:

The main character of this book is named: _____

As you read, use the chart below to take notes about this character: (for book choice 2)

<p><u>Basic Facts</u> <i>What is the main character's name? How old is the character? Where is he/she from?</i></p>	
<p><u>Physical Description</u> <i>What does this character look like? What are some of this character's important physical features?</i></p>	
<p><u>Family</u> <i>Describe the character's family – mother, father, siblings, children</i></p>	
<p><u>Personality</u> <i>What are three personality traits of this character? Describe how he/she acts.</i></p>	

Writing Assignment: Write a letter to your sixth grade Language and Literature teacher using the following structure:

Date

Dear Mrs. Hitch,

Paragraph 1 (At least six sentences)

Briefly describe the two books that you chose to read this summer, including the author and setting of each book. Explain why you chose these two books.

Paragraph 2 (At least six sentences)

Describe the main character of the historical fiction book you read. What did this character look like? What was this character's family like? Describe the character's personality. How did this character change from the beginning of the book to the end?

Paragraph 3 (At least six sentences)

Describe the main character of your free choice book. What did this character look like? What was this character's family like? Describe the character's personality. How did this character change from the beginning of the book to the end?

Paragraph 4 (At least six sentences)

Compare one of the characters you described to yourself. How are the two of you similar? How are you different? What is something you learned from this character? What is something this character could learn from you?

Paragraph 5 (At least six sentences)

What should I know about you as a student? What are you looking forward to in sixth grade? What do you hope to learn in sixth grade Language and Literature?

Academic Challenge: Add one more paragraph after paragraph 4

What did you like about the author's writing style? Did you notice specific language the author used and how did it make you feel? Try to explain why you like the author's style of writing -is it the word choice? vivid descriptions? how characters are described? poetic devices, such as simile and metaphors? Maybe share a favorite line from the text and why you were moved by it.

Closing,
Signature

Note: Your letter should be 5-6 paragraphs long –a minimum of at least two pages handwritten or at least one full page typed.