

Summer Reading Assignments

7th Grade

Required:

1. *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton
2. *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson

This will be the first major grade that you receive for the 1st quarter in English and Literature. You will be given a test on each novel at the beginning of the 1st quarter. You must complete the writing assignments below for each of the novels. Summer reading assignments will be due the second week of school.

Assignment for *The Outsiders*:

Choose a major character from the novel. Write at least fifteen questions and answers that give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story. Each answer must be at least 2 to 3 sentences long. The questions should be meaningful and thought provoking and should tell the reader about the character. This assignment must be typed, size 12, Times New Roman.

Assignment for *Chains*:

What does Isabel mean when she says, "I was chained between two nations?" There are several references to chains throughout the novel. How is the word "chain" used as an antonym to the word "freedom."

Explore these ideas in a one page typed essay (size 12, Times New Roman, double-spaced). Think about the literal meaning of chains and the metaphorical meaning. Be sure to address both meanings in your essay, and find examples from the reading to support your ideas.