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English 9 Summer Reading Assignment

Choice Novels (select one of the following):

Holes, Louis Sachar

Number the Stars, Lois Lowry

The Belles, Dhonielle Clayton

Undefeated, Steve Sheinkin

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora, Pablo Cartaya

Assignment: Choose ONE of the novels above to read over Summer Break. As you read, you should read actively: underlining, highlighting, and making notes in margins if you purchase the book (actual novel or ebook) or maintaining a journal if books are borrowed from the library. Books or journals should be brought with you on the first day of school.

What are you looking for to underline, highlight, and take notes on? Quotations that give information and/or insight into character development, plot, conflicts, and societal influences would be a good bet. **Your** reactions to events, impressions of characters, understanding of conflicts and beliefs about social values would be very helpful in completing your in-class essay. Anything that strikes you as unusual or questionable or interesting would be a great thing to note.

Reading Test: For your selected novel, upon return to school in August, you will be required to complete a reading test on the first full block class. This will count for 50 points, your first grade for English 9.

In-Class Essay: As your writing component, the second full- block class, you will complete an in-class essay over your chosen novel. This assignment will be distributed and discussed in class and will count for 50 points.



HAPPY SUMMER READING!!!

