

Rising **Sophomore** Summer Reading List 2017

Directions: You must read any 3 books from the list below by the first day of school in September 2017. *****After reading 3 books, you must use evidence from all 3 books you read and use quotes from all 3 books to form 1 essay.*****

Essay prompt: How does conflict lead to change? Every story has a conflict! At the end of each book on this list the character(s) have undergone some sort of change: physically, emotionally, or both. You must argue HOW the characters in the 3 books you read have changed over the course of their stories as a result of a conflict they have faced. The essay is worth **150 points**. If a book is over 300 pages, it counts as 2 books.

The essay must be 6 paragraphs MINIMUM. A paragraph typically consists of 6-7 sentences in an essay like this. In your body paragraphs you must use exact quotes from the books to support your claims. Be sure to use the evidence to support your overall argument, and not to merely summarize the books. Here's a tip to ensure you're doing your essay correctly: pretend that the audience for your essay read the book, but does not have a deep understanding of the characters' motives or the author's themes. So, don't summarize the book, because the audience already knows the basics. Instead give analysis of the character's actions and motives.

Scorpions – Walter Dean Myers

Sold – Patricia McCormick

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech

The Child Thief by Brom

The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan

Nighthoops by Carl Deuker

Bad Boy by Walter Dean Myers

A Child Called It by David Pelzer

Denton Little's Still Not Dead by Lance Rubin

American Street by Ibi Zoboi