

NAZARETH

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



Freshmen Summer Reading 2019

Book: Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

Assignment: Two-page Essay AND a visual project

1. **Essay:** The narrator of Speak is Melinda. She's an artist who's just starting high school and her paintings tell us about the things she's been through and her emotional state. Write a 2-page essay about Melinda. Include a discussion of her experiences and how her paintings communicate information about her emotions, challenges and growth.
2. **Visual Assignment:** Create a poster board that includes three images that represent your growth from 6th grade through 8th grade. You can create the images any way you choose (drawing, painting, photoshop, etc). You must also explain, in full sentences, how each work of art represents you.

Be sure to:

- Create 3 works of art
- Write 5-6 sentences for each work of art and discuss how it reflects your experience in 6th grade, 7th grade, and 8th grade.
- Write in complete sentences.
- Post the paragraphs on the board with the works of art.
- Remember that creativity cannot be graded, but effort goes a long way... ■ Remember (for the essay) to write in full paragraphs!