



Rising Sophomore Summer Reading Assignment 2019

Directions: You must read the following **3** books below, by the first day of school in September 2019. After reading these 3 books, you must use evidence from all 3 books to form one essay.

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech

Bad Boy by Walter Dean Myers

A Child Called It by David Pelzer

Essay prompt: How does conflict lead to change? Every story has a conflict! At the end of each book, 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 200 points.

The essay must be 2 pages MINIMUM. A paragraph typically consists of 7-10 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 already 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 with specific details regarding from the text. Details help everyone recall facts and events and makes for better understanding so read carefully.

When we return in September, the topics within the texts will be discussed, explained, and expounded upon, so please, READ, READ, READ!!!!

Note: Very specific information from the text will be referenced, therefore searching the summaries will not be enough! You must read the text in its entirety to write a successful essay and to be prepared in September.