

Dear Student:

Congratulations on choosing to participate in the PreAP/GT program in ECISD.

In order for you to be successful, it is important for you to be intellectually engaged, especially during the “dog days of summer”. Therefore, PreAP/GT/IB English classes require that you participate in summer reading. The novels that you read over the summer will not only keep your mind working, but are a way to begin the new school year with a shared experience for discussion and writing.

Of course, you are always encouraged to read as many other books over the summer as you wish. Mark Twain once said, “The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can not read them.”

Have a wonderful summer vacation!

Know that the journey that you are about to embark on will be both rewarding and challenging.

### ASSIGNMENTS:

Because this is a summer reading assignment, students are expected to come to class on the **FIRST** day with their copy of the novel and the completed assignments for their grade level.

Assignments can be found on the ECISD homepage, the ELA Curriculum page, and in each campus office.

### ASSESSMENTS:

There will be tests and/or essay assignments given and due within the first few weeks of school.

### GRADES:

PreAP/GT/IB Teachers will take **NO MORE** than 4 grades on the summer reading.

- 1 – Test Grade
- 1 – Quiz Grade
- 2 – Daily Grades

(This is in addition to their required number of six weeks grades; therefore, a student will not fail based on summer reading grades alone.)



## PreAP/GT/PreIB Summer Reading

*The following PreAP courses have an assignment for summer 2016:*

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade PreAP/GT ELA
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PreAP/GT ELA
- PreAP/GT/PreIB English 1  
(9<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- PreAP/GT/PreIB English 2  
(10<sup>th</sup> Grade)

If you have selected any of these courses for the 2016-2017 school year, it is your responsibility to complete the summer assignment **before** school begins on August 22, 2016.

**2016-2017  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

All students are required to choose **1** of the following:

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

or

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Students will be completing a Reading Response Journal during the summer and will have a test/project/essay when they return to class in August.



**2016-2017  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

All students are required to choose **1** of the following:

The Darkest Minds by Alexandra Bracken

or

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson

Students will be completing a Reading Response Journal and a book project during the summer and will have a test/essay when they return to class in August.

**2016-2017  
English 1 (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
PreAP/GT/IB Students**

All students are required to choose **1** of the following:

Never Fall Down by Patricia McCormick

or

Ms. Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

Students will be completing a Reading Response Journal during the summer and will have a test/quiz/essay when they return to class in August.



**2016-2017  
English 2 (10<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
PreAP/GT/IB Students**

All students are required to choose **1** of the following:

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

or

A Separate Peace by John Knowles

or

Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya

or

Les Miserables by Victor Hugo

Students will be completing annotations during the summer and will have a test/essay when they return to class in August.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

Assignments will be available to pick up from your ELAR teacher during the last two weeks of school. If you happen to misplace your packet, you can always look on the ECISD Webpage ([www.ectorcountyisd.org](http://www.ectorcountyisd.org)) and click on the PreAP SUMMER READING link.

**WHERE DO I GET MY BOOK?**

There are several places where you can pick up a copy of the book. You can go to Hastings, Barnes and Noble, Amazon, or the public library. You can also purchase the book for your electronic device. If you are having difficulty getting a copy of the book or you have any concerns, please call Amy Harvey, Director of Literacy at 432-456-8492 and I will assist you.

**REMEMBER:**

Please understand that PreAP Classes require more dedication, thought, and homework than grade-level classes. We know you are up for the challenge.