

Bristol High School Summer Reading: 9th grade  
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## Google Classroom Join Code: yp6mhtj

Hello! Welcome to 9th grade English at Bristol High School! I am excited to meet you, get to know you, and begin our English/Language Arts studies together. Please join the Google classroom using the “join code” listed above; if you have any trouble, please email me!

Our summer reading titles are selections from the Bucks County Intermediate Unit’s Reading Olympics list (<https://www.bucksiu.org/educators-administrators/reading-olympics>). All titles are available both new and used on Amazon, Thriftbooks.com, local bookstores, and the Bucks County Library System (place a request if you don’t see the title you want on the shelf; additionally, the libraries often have a special section for these titles). The 21st Century Learning Program will be offering additional support; check the Google classroom for updates!

### The assignment:

- Choose your book!
- Read your book!
- While you read, please stop at least 8 times to do reading response journals. You should stop when something: strikes you as interesting, confuses you, happens that is shocking/funny/infuriating/etc.
- Remember: these are YOUR personal responses! You are responding as a reader of this material and these journals will be reflective of your experiences/opinions/etc.

### Suggested titles for 9th grade:

(these are suggested; however, the complete Reading Olympics list for high school is eligible for this project. Please be sure to review topics/content with your parent/guardians!)

- *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline (Great for gamers, sci fi fans, and people who are interested in 1980s pop culture!)
- *Blackout* (Story collection), by Danielle Clayton, Tiffany Johnson, et. al. (great for those interested in short stories/female authors)
- *1984* (graphic novel) by Fido Nesti (great for those who like graphic novels! The original 1984 is a classic that is referenced in many other movies, novels, TV shows, etc.)
- *Breaking Night* by Liz Murray (great for those who enjoy true stories!)

Complete list:

2023 Reading Olympics Senior Book List - 25 Books  
June 2, 2022

Title	Author	New Titles
1984 (Graphic Novel)	Nesti, Fido	New
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Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe	Saenz, Benjamin	
Blackout	Story Collection	New
Breaking Night	Murray, Liz	
Coldest Girl in Coldtown	Black, Holly	
Concrete Rose	Thomas, Angie	New
Far from the Tree	Benway, Robin	
Firekeeper's Daughter	Bouley, Angeline	New
If You Find Me	Murdoch, Emily	
In the Wild Light	Zentner, Jeff	New
Lady Midnight	Clare, Cassandra	
Last Night at the Telegraph Club	Lo, Malinda	New
Liar	Larbalestier, Justine	
Little Thieves	Owen, Margaret	New
Long Way Down	Reynolds, Jason	
Me, Moth	McBride, Amber	New
Neverwhere	Gaiman, Neil	
Patron Saints of Nothing	Ribay, Randy	New
Ready Player One	Cline, Ernest	
Starfish	Bowman, A.D.	
Sweat	Nottage, Lynn	
The Stranger	Camus, Albert	New
Three Things I Know Are True	Culley, Betty	New
Watchmen	Moore, Alan	

On the next page, you will find a document on which you can type your responses. If you prefer to handwrite them, that is acceptable provided that: they are legible, appropriate length, and able to be collected and handed in when school is back in session!

We hope that you have a fun, relaxing, and safe summer break. We look forward to seeing you when you return in the fall!

Name:  
 English 9 Summer Reading  
 Response Journals

Paragraph starters:

• My favorite character/s... • The part I liked best... • I would like \_\_\_\_\_ as a friend because... • If I were the author, I would... • What impressed me in this chapter was... • I noticed... • It upset me when... • I wonder about... • I don't really understand... • I now understand... • If I were \_\_\_\_\_, I would... • I predict that... • I was shocked when/by... • I question... • I think... • I like... • I wish... • This part reminds me of... • It seems to me... • I question... • I liked the idea that... • I felt... • I know someone like... • When this happens to me, I feel... • One time I... • It was or was not fair when... • The author could have... • I was surprised... • When I finished reading, I thought... • One thing that confused me was...

- **Don't worry about how many pages this ends up being. The boxes will expand with your typing!**
- **Your responses should be SPREAD OUT through the book. If they're all from the first 20 pages, then you probably didn't finish reading!**

Please tell me...

**Book Title:**  
**Author:**  
**# of pages:**

Journal #	What part of the book are you responding to? For example: - On p.____, the main character says____. -In chapter 2, _____ happens. (This should be a 1-2 sentence summary/context for your response!)	Response Journal (5-7 sentence paragraph for each journal!) Remember to use the paragraph starters if you need to!
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