

9th Grade Summer Reading

Students may choose **one** of these two books to read over summer.

[The Boy in the Striped Pajamas](#) by John Boyne.

This coming-of-age novel uses easy-to-understand vocabulary and sentence structure to tell the story of a young man whose father takes command of Auschwitz during World War Two. While the writing style is accessible for struggling readers, the concepts and questions raised foster higher order thinking appropriate for high school studies.

[The Five People You Meet in Heaven](#) by Mitch Albom

This novel starts at the end of a man's life and continues with his journey into five versions of heaven where the true purpose of his life is revealed to him by five people. His life-struggles from childhood to death are revealed through a series of flashbacks while his afterlife moves forward. Meanwhile, life goes on for the people with whom he worked. This chronological complexity can be a challenge for some students, but students generally feel a connection to the protagonist that keeps them reading.

Note: movies are available for both of these books, but there are major differences in important parts of the story. Watching the movie **will not** prepare students for the assessment.

Assessment:

I recommend that students take notes about key events while reading. Students will take a multiple-choice **test** about the book of their choice during the first week of school.

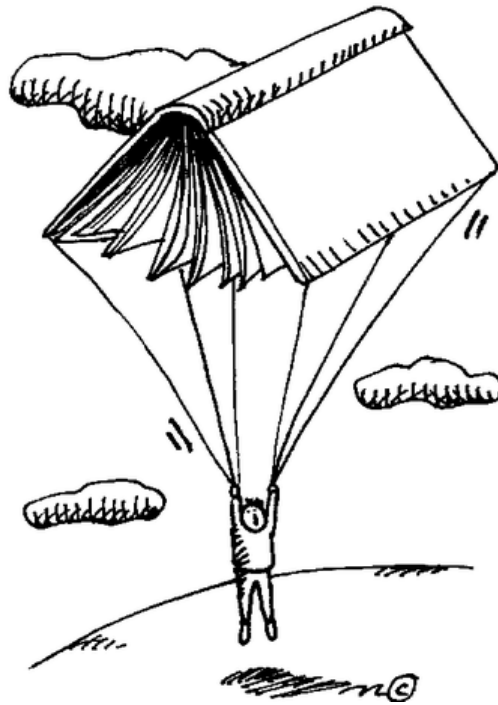
Questions?

Please email me if you have any questions about the assignment over summer. While I do not check email daily during school breaks, I will reply within a few days.

Name:

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EXTREME READING CHALLENGE – Summer 2021



Where's the strangest place you've ever read a book? What wonderful thing could you do whilst reading your summer reading book? Mrs. England is waiting to share your 'Extreme Reading' experience.

Send us a photograph of you reading a book in unusual circumstances and show everyone how reading can be done anywhere and anytime! Get your book, get someone to take a photograph and get caught reading! Please make sure the book cover is visible in your photograph.

E-mail your photograph and a caption to the address below and join the Extreme Reading Challenge.

Remember to stay safe - reading is meant to be fun, not dangerous!!

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