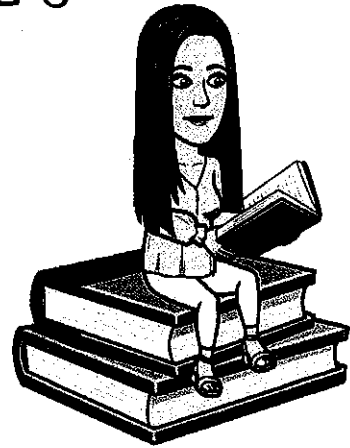


WELCOME to GRADE 8



June 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

My name is Ms. St. Laurent; I will be the eighth grade English Language Arts teacher for the small group class. During the summer, it is important to keep your skills sharp; for that purpose, we require summer reading. The eighth grade summer reading will be ***The Outsiders*** by S.E. Hinton. Students must complete the attached outline and be prepared to discuss the novel. We will review the novel in class together and a test on it will be given during the first week of school.

Students are welcome to borrow a copy of ***The Outsiders*** from the main office, but it must be returned once read. Otherwise, the novel is available at Amazon.com, at most local libraries, and at most local bookstores. You may read along with the audio on Bookshare.org and complete the attached outline.

If you have questions, email me at kst.laurent@berkleypublicschools.org.

Have fun this summer. I look forward to seeing you all in September and sharing our reading and summer experiences.

Sincerely,

Ms. St. Laurent

Name: _____

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Summer Reading Assignment 2021

Complete the following outline. Be as accurate and specific as possible.

I. Main Characters: **Include the protagonist and antagonist and describe.**

Protagonist: main character who works towards the goal of the story; hero

Antagonist: main character who works against the goal of the story; villain or enemy

A. **Protagonist/Antagonist** (highlight one):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. **Protagonist/Antagonist** (highlight one):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

II. Setting: **Include the time and place.**

A. **Time:** _____

B. **Place:** _____

III. Conflict: **Include external and internal conflicts and describe.**

External conflict: character struggles against another conflict, the natural world, or society.

Internal conflict: character struggles with something within themselves (opposing desires or beliefs)

Name: _____

A. ___ **External/Internal conflict** (highlight one)

B. ___ **External/Internal conflict** (highlight one):

C. ___ **External/Internal conflict** (highlight one):

IV. **Plot: List the sequence of events that take place to solve the problem.**

A.

B.

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

F. _____

V. **Resolution: How did the protagonist change? How were the conflicts resolved?**

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

VI. **Evaluation: What is your opinion of the author's writing? Use details to support your thoughts.**