

## Southwest Career and Technical Academy Recommended 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Mr. LaPorte (Professional Academy)

- Automotive, Culinary, Dental, Hospitality & Tourism, Nursing, Respiratory Therapy

Mrs. Grossman (Design Academy)

- Entertainment Engineering, Interior Design, Fashion Design, Web Design, Video Game Design

Please choose (1) novel from the following list and read the text in its entirety. Once you have completed the novel, please complete the “SWCTA Summer Reading Assignment.”

Completion of this reading and writing assignment will result in excusal from the first week mandatory writing assessment and will also earn each student a 10 point extra credit award towards their first quarter grade. **This assignment is optional, but strongly encouraged.**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade English IH Summer Reading List

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

*Night* by Elie Wisel

*My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engel

*Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Life as We Knew It* by Susan B. Pfeiffer

A written component is posted at <http://www.swcta.net/summer.html> for both the Professional and Design Academy 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and can be turned in the first day of class.

If you have any problems locating the texts or require an alternative reading selection due to the content of the texts, please email the appropriate teacher.

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**See you in August!**

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### **Directions:**

After you have selected and read a novel from the appropriate list, please answer all of the following questions thoroughly. Please answer each question on a separate typed document. Each question should be answered in complete sentences. Also, each question should be void of any grammatical or spelling errors.

1. List the **TITLE** and **AUTHOR** of the novel that you read.
2. Describe the **SETTING** (time and place) of the novel.
3. List the names of the **MAIN CHARACTERS** and provide a **BRIEF DESCRIPTION** of each character.
4. Focus on **ONE** of the main characters listed above. For this character, find **TWO IMPORTANT QUOTATIONS** that reveal something about her/his personality. Copy each quote exactly (include the page number where the quote is found), and explain what each quote reveals about the character's personality.
5. Describe **ONE MAJOR EVENT** that could be considered a turning-point in the novel. This can be an event that takes place any time in the novel, but it has to cause some kind of a change in the story.
4. To highlight the significance of this book for you, write a well-developed paragraph, including a topic sentence, responding to one of the following questions:
  - What discovery did you make as a result of reading this novel?
  - What was the message that you took away from this novel?
  - How has this novel changed your thinking or feeling?
  - How has the novel affirmed or challenged your opinions or view of life?
7. Make one positive comment about the novel.
8. Make one comment about something you did not like about the novel or something that you would change about the novel.