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Due Date: SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become lifelong learners.

Summer Reading/Writing Assignment - Incoming 7th Grade Pre-AP

Read a novel of *your own choosing* and complete the following activities. In addition, you will be required to present a “Book Talk” to the class after this assignment due date. (Details will be given in class.) Students are encouraged to log their minutes spent reading on the [Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge Website](#)--please see your Tom Cox homebase teacher for more information and login. Tom Cox Library will be open June 4, June 26, July 2, July 9, July 16, and July 30 at 9 AM – 1 PM. Exiting students are invited on these dates.

Choose a book on your own this summer, read it completely, and complete the assignment below. **It is up to you and your parents to choose a book of appropriate content, length and reading level.** It can be already owned, purchased, downloaded, borrowed, or checked out from the library. Note that some [suggested titles](#) attached that will be available at the Cox Intermediate Book Fair in May. **You do NOT have to choose one of these books!**

Responding to the Text -

Choose 2 excerpts (short sections) from the novel that you believe are important. These passages should reflect important events or themes from your novel. Copy the excerpts and your response to them into the chart below or on your own paper if needed.

Excerpts and page numbers -	Your response to the excerpts - (ex. I think this is important because _____. Or The excerpt reflects the theme of _____ because _____.)
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Analyzing the Text - You can use your own paper if necessary.

- What was a theme in the book? (Remember - THEME is a lesson anyone could learn from the novel)
- What is a connection you made to another text you’ve read while reading this novel?
- What were some conflicts in the book?
- How were the main characters developed? (Ex. - How did the characters change from the beginning to the end?)

Suggested Titles

Your book does NOT have to be from this list!

Horizon: Book 1 by Scott Westerfeld

While traveling to an international engineering competition, four young teens find themselves stranded when their plane crashes in a menacing, inhospitable jungle. Along with four other teens, the eight are the only survivors. They should be in the Arctic but are in a tropical jungle instead. How is this possible? Where are they? How do they get home?

Westerfeld creates a world with vicious predatory creatures, malfunctioning physical forces, and realistic characters. The teens must work together to survive. Many are scientifically minded and frequently use math and science to solve problems.

Projekt 1065 by Alan Gratz

It's the height of World War II. Michael O'Shaunessey, son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi Germany, lives with his family in Berlin. But Michael, like his parents, is a spy. He joins the Hitler Youth, taking part in their horrific games and book-burning, despising everything they stand for but using his insider knowledge to bring important information back to his parents and the British Secret Service. When Michael is tasked to find out more about Projekt 1065, a secret Nazi mission, things get even more complicated. He must prove his loyalty to the Hitler Youth at all costs -- even if it means risking the lives of his family... and himself.

Zoe in Wonderland by Brenda Woods

This novel introduces us to "shy, perfectly plain" Zoe Reindeer, an 11-year-old girl who prefers to spend her days in her father's nursery, Doc Reindeer's Exotic Plant Wonderland, dreaming up imaginary worlds full of excitement and faraway places—everything that seems to be missing from Zoe's life. Stuck between her perfect, popular older sister and her sneaky, genius younger brother, "just Zoe" finds solace with Quincy, her only friend. Now that Quincy is moving away, Zoe's worried her life will become even duller. But when a mysterious man from Madagascar shows up at the nursery looking for a baobab tree, Zoe's real world begins to look like the world she had always imagined for herself. Is this the start of her first real adventure?

Frogkisser by Garth Nix

*Princess Anya is in a bind. Her step-father Duke Rikard (who happens to be an evil sorcerer) is plotting to steal the crown, her older sister's suitor has been transformed into a frog, and Anya has promised to help turn him back into a prince—but she's fresh out of the transfiguration-reversal lip balm she needs for the job. There's nothing for it but to embark on a quest to gather the hard-to-come-by lip balm ingredients and hopefully devise a way to stop the duke while she's at it. Anya is accompanied by Ardent, an eager (talking) royal dog, and it isn't long before their journey takes on a more significant purpose. Playing on fairy tale tropes and conventions, Nix (*Newt's Emerald*, 2015) delivers a delightful adventure stuffed with absurdity, magic, and a spirited young heroine.*