



OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Level English II ORHS & GOHS Summer Reading 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.

You are scheduled to take English II for the 2017-2018 school year. For the summer of 2018, students should carefully read **ONE** of the following novels:

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell
Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard
Red Rising by Pierce Brown
Ready Player One by Ernest Cline
Turtles All the Way Down by John Green
 (See book summaries on last two pages)

Students will work with their chosen novel upon their return to school. However, during the summer months, students should annotate their reading by writing comments and questions on sticky notes (**20 total**) as explained in the attached document. For these reasons, students will need to have a copy of the book for several months in order to complete all of the assignments. Parents: Some of these novels have mature content, so please research the novel choices and guide your child in making this decision.

It is best if all students enrolled in English II for the upcoming school year have this novel read prior to the first day of school. Sticky notes (**20 total**) will be due within the first three weeks, leading to a **major grade assignment- a character analysis project-** the fourth week.

Please use the following document to successfully complete your 20 sticky notes. You may place these throughout your book, and bring your book to the first day of class.

Sticky Note Annotations

The following are possible topics that could be answered on your sticky notes. Topics can be used more than once, but remember you need at least 20 sticky notes in your book.

Tapping Prior Knowledge

- This reminds me of...
- This relates to...

Forming Interpretations

- What this means to me is...
- I think this represents...

Asking Questions

- I wonder why...
- What if...
- How come...

Monitoring

- I got lost here because...
- I need to reread the part where...

Predicting

- I'll bet that...
- I think...

Revise Meaning

- At first thought I thought _____. But now I...
- My latest thought about this is...
- I'm getting a different picture here because...

Visualizing

- I can picture _____ when I read this because...
- In my mind I see...

Analyzing the Author's Craft

- A great line in this books is...
- This word/phrase stands out because...
- I like how the author shows...

Making Connections

- This reminds me of...
- I experienced this once when...
- I can relate to this because...

Reflecting and Relating

- So, the big idea is...
- A conclusion I'm drawing is...
- This is relevant to my life because...

Evaluating

- I like/don't like _____ because...
- This could be more effective if...
- The most important message is...

Miscellaneous

- Stop at a passage you find vivid or suspenseful and list a few specific words that help create that effect.
- When you find something in the reading that is funny or sad, add a note describing how the author created the moment.
- When you encounter a word you don't know, write it down and your guess about what it means. Then look it up and see if you were right.
- Does the character in the book remind you of a family member or close friend?
 - Write the character's name. Who does he/she remind you of, and why?
- Take note of any literary terms you notice. (Importance of setting, tone characterization, themes, conflicts...)



English II Summer Reading Novel Summaries

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate become the property of a malicious New York City couple, the Locktons, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British plans for invasion. She is reluctant at first, but when the unthinkable happens to Ruth, Isabel realizes her loyalty is available to the bidder who can provide her with freedom. From acclaimed author Laurie Halse Anderson comes this compelling, impeccably researched novel that shows the lengths we can go to cast off our chains, both physical and spiritual. (Goodreads.com)

Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell

Two misfits. One extraordinary love. Eleanor... Red hair, wrong clothes. Standing behind him until he turns his head. Lying beside him until he wakes up. Making everyone else seem drabber and flatter and never good enough...Eleanor. *Park...* He knows she'll love a song before he plays it for her. He laughs at her jokes before she ever gets to the punch line. There's a place on his chest, just below his throat, that makes her want to keep promises...Park. Set over the course of one school year, this is the story of two star-crossed sixteen-year-olds—smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try. (Goodreads.com)

Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard

This is a world divided by blood - red or silver. The Reds are commoners, ruled by a Silver elite in possession of god-like superpowers. And to Mare Barrow, a seventeen-year-old Red girl from the poverty-stricken Stilts, it seems like nothing will ever change. That is until she finds herself working in the Silver Palace. Here, surrounded by the people she hates the most, Mare discovers that, despite her red blood, she possesses a deadly power of her own. One that threatens to destroy the balance of power. Fearful of Mare's potential, the Silvers hide her in plain view, declaring her a long-lost Silver princess, now engaged to a Silver prince. Despite knowing that one misstep would mean her death, Mare works silently to help the Red Guard, a militant resistance group, and bring down the Silver regime. But this is a world of betrayal and lies, and Mare has entered a dangerous dance - Reds against Silvers, prince against prince, and Mare against her own heart. (Goodreads.com)

Red Rising by Pierce Brown

Darrow is a Red, a member of the lowest caste in the color-coded society of the future. Like his fellow Reds, he works all day, believing that he and his people are making the surface of Mars livable for future generations. Yet he spends his life willingly, knowing that his blood and sweat will one day result in a better world for his children. But Darrow and his kind have been betrayed. Soon he discovers that humanity already reached the surface generations ago. Vast cities and sprawling parks spread across the planet. Darrow—and Reds like him—are nothing more than slaves to a decadent ruling class. Inspired by a longing for justice, and driven by the memory of lost love, Darrow sacrifices everything to infiltrate the legendary Institute, a proving ground for the dominant Gold caste, where the next generation of humanity's overlords struggle for power. He will be forced to compete for his life and the very future of civilization against the best and most brutal of Society's ruling class. There, he will stop at nothing to bring down his enemies... even if it means he has to become one of them to do so. (Goodreads.com)

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time teenage Wade Watts really feels alive is when he's jacked into the virtual utopia known as the OASIS. Wade's devoted his life to studying the puzzles hidden within this world's digital confines, puzzles that are based on their creator's obsession with the pop culture of decades past and that promise massive power and fortune to whoever can unlock them. When Wade stumbles upon the first clue, he finds himself beset by players willing to kill to take this ultimate prize. The race is on, and if Wade's going to survive, he'll have to win—and confront the real world he's always been so desperate to escape. (Goodreads.com)

Turtles All the Way Down by John Green

Sixteen-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there's a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and her Best and Most Fearless Friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. So together, they navigate the short distance and broad divides that separate them from Russell Pickett's son, Davis. Aza is trying. She is trying to be a good daughter, a good friend, a good student, and maybe even a good detective, while also living within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts. In his long-awaited return, John Green, the acclaimed, award-winning author of *Looking for Alaska* and *The Fault in Our Stars*, shares Aza's story with shattering, unflinching clarity in this brilliant novel of love, resilience, and the power of lifelong friendship. (Goodreads.com)