

Bryan Collegiate High School
Incoming Freshman Summer Reading 2023

Welcome to Collegiate! Your future ninth-grade English teachers have selected a wide range of books for your summer reading that will tantalize, challenge, and engross you. You will read one book from the list on the back of this paper which has been recommended because of their high-interest level and their connection to one of the themes we will discuss in class next year, ***coming of age***. You will have a major grade related to your book choice at the beginning of school. Be sure to have this assignment completed before school starts for a smooth transition into 9th grade. If you would like extra credit please choose a second book (from this list) and complete the same assignment.

ASSIGNMENT: Character Analysis Log (See Page 3)

1. Make sure to write the book title and character you wish to complete the assignment for.
2. You will complete the chart for Part 1 at two points in your book:
 - At the halfway point of your book, describe your character in 3 words. Find textual evidence (a quote from your book) that proves/ backs up a word you used to describe your character.
 - At the end of your book, **choose three new words** to describe your character. Find textual evidence (a quote from your book) that proves/ backs up a word you used to describe your character.
3. Write a **5-sentence paragraph** (either on a separate sheet of paper or Google Doc) that describes how your character changed from the beginning to the end of the book. You may use your words and notes from Part 1 to help you. (Make sure that you are NOT providing a summary of the book.)

This assignment will be **due at the beginning of school**. This summer reading will be your first major grade for your freshman year.

GRADING

Your log will be assessed on the following:

- Did you answer the questions in the chart?
- Did you provide textual evidence and used quotation marks?
- Did you answer your paragraph in complete sentences?
- Did you indent your paragraph?

If so, your year will likely be off to a great start!

Bryan Collegiate will not be able to provide the following books; you are responsible for getting them.

Copies should be available at Half Price Books, Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com, and hpbmarketplace.com.

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Book Choices - Please pick one book from the following list.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie - Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Aristotle & Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Saenz - Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship - a friendship that will teach Ari and Dante the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be.

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli - She's as magical as the desert sky. As strange as her pet rat. As mysterious as her own name. From the day she arrives at quiet Mica High in a burst of color and sound, the hallways hum with the murmur of "Stargirl, Stargirl." She captures Leo Borlock's heart with just one smile, and she sparks a school-spirit revolution with just one cheer.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas - Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer.

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sanchez - Perfect Mexican daughters do not go away to college. And they do not move out of their parents' house after high school graduation. Perfect Mexican daughters never abandon their families. But Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was Olga's role. Then a tragic accident leaves Olga dead and Julia left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family.

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green - Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

Darius the Great Is Not Okay by Adib Khorram - Darius Kellner speaks better Klingon than Farsi, and he knows more about Hobbit social cues than Persian ones. He's about to take his first-ever trip to Iran, and it's pretty overwhelming—especially when he's also dealing with clinical depression, a disapproving dad, and a chronically anemic social life. In Iran, he gets to know his mom's family for the first time. And he meets Sohrab, the boy next door who makes him feel like a True Persian for the first time.

The Field Guide to the North American Teenager by Ben Phillipe - Norris Kaplan is clever, cynical, and quite possibly too smart for his own good. A Black French Canadian, he knows from watching American sitcoms that those three things don't bode well when you are moving to Austin, Texas.

Name:

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Book Title:

Character Name:

Part 1:

<p>Halfway Point: Describe your character in three words:</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>Find textual evidence from the book that “proves” ONE of the words you choose to describe the character.</p> <p>1. Which word did you pick to prove?</p> <p>2. Write the quote below in “quotation marks” that supports the word you used to describe your character:</p> <p>Page #:</p>	<p>Find textual evidence from the book that “proves” ONE of the words you choose to describe the character.</p> <p>1. Which word did you pick to prove?</p> <p>2. Write the quote below in “quotation marks” that supports the word you used to describe your character:</p> <p>Page #:</p>
<p>End of the Book: Describe your character in three new words (different from above):</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>Find textual evidence from the book that “proves” ONE of the words you choose to describe the character.</p> <p>1. Which word did you pick to prove?</p> <p>2. Write the quote below in “quotation marks” that supports the word you used to describe your character:</p> <p>Page #:</p>	<p>Find textual evidence from the book that “proves” ONE of the words you choose to describe the character.</p> <p>1. Which word did you pick to prove?</p> <p>2. Which quote from your book proves your word? Write your quote below in “quotation marks”:</p> <p>Page #:</p>

Part 2: Write a 7-10 sentence paragraph that **describes how your character changed from the beginning to the end of the book.** You may use the words and notes from Part 1 to help you.

Samples Response:

In the novel, *George Washington Gomez* by Americo Paredes, the character, Gualinto, goes through many changes as he grows up near the Texas-Mexico border during the late 1930s-early 1940s. At the beginning of the novel, he can be described as ambitious, naive, and hard-headed. His Uncle Feliciano pushes him to be a great man, but Gualinto constantly gets into trouble at school, especially with his teacher, Miss Cordelia, who doesn't like him and the other Mexican boys. Even though he's the youngest in his family, Gualinto's family looks to him for hope as he's supposed to be the future "leader of his people." However, Gualinto prefers running around with his friends like Pocho and Chicho as they pretend to be outlaws like Gregorio Cortez and Cheno Cortinas. After seeing the way his sisters' lives amount to nothing and his friends drop out of school, Gualinto decides to start working harder in school in order to become successful. He ends up being one of the only Mexicans in his class to graduate high school, which fills his Uncle Feliciano with pride. Years later, after Gualinto moves away and goes to college, he becomes an intelligence agent for the U.S. government, the opposite of what he fantasized of becoming as a boy. He actually comes back to his hometown to investigate some of his childhood friends, showing no signs of being the same boy he used to be. Although he can be considered a success story, by the end of the novel, Gualinto's character seems to forget about all the things and people he claimed to love as a boy.

Your response: