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Summer Reading Project

This project is for all incoming freshmen who will be enrolled in English 1 for the 2021-2022 school year. There is no distinction between Prep and Pre-AP; all students should complete this assignment.

Welcome to Westside High School! Your English teachers are eager to meet you and start working toward a meaningful, productive year. Summer is a great time to rest up, rejuvenate, and get ready for high school, and a big part of getting ready for success at Westside means completing a summer reading assignment.

Our reading assignment for you is **not optional**. Here's what you need to do:

1. Choose one of the following two books to read. (You'll see the summaries on the next page!)
2. Complete the **dialectical journal** by **Tuesday, September 6th** (the day after Labor Day holiday)

Please keep in mind that you are expected to complete this assignment for a **minor grade**. The project will not be accepted after the due date, and failure to turn in the project will result in a grade of 0 being given in the grade book.

Your local Half-Price books is a great place to find gently used books at an affordable price, and if you call ahead, a staff member is usually able to locate the book you need or let you know which location does have it in stock. Another great option for buying books is [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Both the books on this summer reading list are available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) for under \$10.

We hope you choose to read beyond these wonderful selections and have a fabulous summer filled with good books!



Note: Prior to the due date of this assignment, your English teacher will briefly discuss the assignment and provide reminders about the due date.

However, it is important to complete this assignment during the summer break. Once you start your year, you're going to be VERY busy- trust us. ☺

Select one of the following books to read:

Option 1

***Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card**

In order to develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers. A brilliant young boy, Andrew "Ender" Wiggin lives with his kind but distant parents, his sadistic brother Peter, and the person he loves most, his sister Valentine. Young Ender is drafted to the orbiting Battle School for rigorous military training. Ender's skills make him a leader in school and respected in the Battle Room, where children play at mock battles in zero gravity. Yet growing up in an artificial community of young soldiers, Ender suffers greatly from isolation, rivalry from his peers, pressure from the adult teachers, and an unsettling fear of the alien invaders. Ender could be the general Earth needs to remake the world. If the world survives, that is.

Option 2

***Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell**

Bono met his wife in high school, Park says.

So did Jerry Lee Lewis, Eleanor answers.

I'm not kidding, he says.

You should be, she says, we're 16.

What about Romeo and Juliet?

Shallow, confused, then dead.

I love you, Park says.

Wherefore art thou, Eleanor answers.

I'm not kidding, he says.

You should be.

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits-smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try. When Eleanor meets Park, you'll remember your own first love-and just how hard it pulled you under.

The Dialectical Journal

Choose one quotation for each character in the book you chose. The character in question can either speak the quotation, or the quotation can be in reference to that character. Provide a chapter and page number for each quotation you write down.

Once you have written down a quotation for each character you chose, answer the following question in the box across from where you wrote the quotation:

“What does this quotation tell me about this particular character’s personality?”

Your response should be 2-3 sentences in length.

For your reference, an example from *Ender’s Game* has been provided for you in the space below:

<p>Character: Stilson</p> <p>My Chosen Quotation:</p> <p>“It was Stilson, of course. He wasn’t bigger than most other kids, but he was bigger than Ender. And he had some others with him. He always did.”</p> <p>Chapter/Page: Chapter 1, Page 6</p>	<p>What does this quotation tell me about this particular character’s personality?</p> <p>Stilson acts as a bully toward Ender. The quotation I chose says, “He had some others with him.” This tells me that even though Stilson is a bully, he might not be as tough as he wants everyone to think because he isn’t trying to fight Ender when it’s just the two of them alone.</p>
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Notes:

- Feel free to complete the dialectical journal right onto the pages in this packet! If you prefer to write on lined notebook paper, that’s fine as well.
- There are 6 total boxes.
- **You may repeat characters if necessary, but you should have at least three characters total.**
- You may not use my example. You can, however, use the same character. ☺

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This is the only part of the packet you'll turn in!

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