

## Optional Freshman Summer Reading Assignment

Please choose one of the following books.

Speak	Laurie Halse Anderson
Go Ask Alice	Anonymous
Ender's Game	Scott Orson Card
Twilight	Stephanie Meyer
Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes	Chris Crutcher
Shoeless Joe	W.P. Kinsella
Monster	Walter Dean Myers
Eragon	Christopher Paolini
Harry Potter	J.K. Rowling
The Burn Journals	Brent Runyon
The Perks of Being A Wallflower	Stephen Chosky
CrackBack	John Coy
The Truth About Forever	Sarah Dressen
Flush	Carl Hiaasen
Sleeping Freshman Never Lie	David Lubar
Uglies	Scott Westerfeld
The Lord of the Rings	J.R.R. Tolkien
The Red Pony	John Steinbeck

To receive extra credit, read one of the books listed above and write a response paper that is due on **Wednesday, September 2, 2009**. All students, including those students who do not have English until second semester, must deliver their response papers to their English teachers. Your names will be checked off. **No papers will be accepted after this date.** Papers will be graded on a pass or fail basis. Quality work on this assignment could merit up to 3 points on your first or third quarter grade.

**Directions for writing a response paper – two to three typed, double spaced pages:**

1. Find a passage in the reading that made a deep impression on you. It should be no longer than one paragraph.
2. Write out the entire passage copying it correctly. Use quotation marks to acknowledge that these words are not your own.
3. Explain where the passage is located in the text. Give the page number and, more importantly, the context of the passage. Explain what is happening at this point in the reading.
4. Relate this passage to the rest of the reading. Reflect upon what might be the important implications or special insights the excerpt provides. It may also be helpful to consider how the story would be different if this passage had not been included.
5. Write your reaction to the passage and explain why it has special meaning for you. Make a personal connection to the passage based on your own experience. Write honestly about your reaction and explain it fully.