

## Summer Reading

## for students entering English 10CP

Read any one of the following novels and complete **one** of the written assignments included below. This assignment will provide teachers with a writing sample and count as an essay grade for the first marking period.

*Many Stones* Carolyn Coman

*Somewhere in the Darkness* by Walter Dean Myers

*One Whole and Perfect Day* by Judith Clark

*Brutal* by Michael Harmon

*If I Stay* by Gayle Forman

*The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky

- a. Develop a thesis-based essay in which you discuss, using 2-3 literary elements, the transformation that the main character undergoes and the cause(s) of the transformation.
- b. Develop a thesis-based essay in which you discuss, using 2-3 literary elements, what the novel shows about human nature/human beings in general.

Be sure to organize your ideas, paying specific attention to the development of your thesis, introductory paragraph, body paragraphs, conclusion paragraph, topic sentences, and transitional sentences. Also include relevant details (i.e. quotes/examples) in your essay.

The essay will be graded using the attached English Department Writing Rubric.

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Enjoy your reading!