

## Summer Reading

## for students entering English 10G

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

*The First Part Last* by Angela Johnson

*Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher

*Surface Tension* by Brent Runyon

*Give a Boy a Gun* by Todd Strasser

*Punkzilla* by Adam Rapp

After you have finished reading, compose a short essay (approximately two pages typed and double spaced) in which you respond to one of the following prompts. 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.

- a. Discuss the transformation that the main character undergoes and the cause(s) of the transformation.
- b. Discuss what the novel shows about human nature/human beings in general.
- c. Develop 2-3 criteria you use to evaluate the quality of literature and discuss whether the novel fulfills your definition of good literature.

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

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Enjoy your reading!