

Summer Reading

for students entering English 11G

Read any one of the following novels and complete the written assignment that follows.

King Dork by Frank Portmann

The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold

Wonder When You'll Miss Me by Amanda Davis

Drown by Junot Diaz

After you have finished reading, compose a short response (2-3 typed pages, double-spaced) in which you respond to the following prompt:

Each of these books focuses on the challenges and hardships that young men and women often face as they enter adulthood. What are the greatest obstacles that the main character of the book you read faces? Does she or he overcome these hardships? If so, by what means and with whose help? If not, why is she or he unable to do so?

Be sure to use many specific details from your reading to illustrate your thinking about the story and its ideas.

This assignment will be assessed on the overall quality of your work, including the completion and thoroughness (thesis, supporting details, discussion and conclusion) of the written response. Please read the provided rubric before you begin writing. It is a good idea to grade yourself on the rubric before submission. Your essay will be the first grade of the year.

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Enjoy your reading!

