

Summer Reading for students entering English 10

In the second half of your summer vacation, read *The Fault in Our Stars*, or any other novel, by author John Green.

As you read the novel, keep track of literary devices the author uses. Then, compose a thesis-based essay of five, fully-developed paragraphs that responds to the following prompt using specific textual support throughout:

● *Demonstrate how the main character(s) deals with the adversity they face in their life. What larger statements about life, and how we live it, does the author appear to be making through the major and secondary characters in the novel?*

This assignment will provide me with a sample of your writing and help identify those skills we need to work on together throughout the year. It will also provide you with the chance to earn up to four points of extra credit in the first marking period.

Elements of writing that I will be looking for include:

- Standard English – use complete sentences, proper grammar, correct spelling, etc.
- Opening paragraph - prepare the reader for what the paper will cover and include a thesis statement
- Paragraph Construction – use topic sentences, focused ideas, use of evidence, and transitions
- Word Choice – use those words that best express what you are trying to get across

Remember to cite any and all outside resources that you refer to in your writing, either directly or indirectly through paraphrase. It is important that you be yourself. Use your own voice, your own words.

If you have any questions, please email me at jduval@hvrhs.org. Enjoy your reading!