

Uplift North Hills Preparatory

8th ELA- MYP Year 3

Summer Assignment 2021-2022

Welcome to the 8th grade! I am so excited to meet and get to know you. Over the next year, we will be exploring the idea of coming to age and discovering who we are, and I have picked elements for this summer to get you started on this journey. Each scholar will be completing a Letter of Introduction, reading complimentary set of texts, and selecting an exploration question for the school year. There is no particular version or cover you will need, and you can take advantage of the library or electronic version like on the Kindle or online PDFs. Many local libraries are connected to free apps like Libby or Overdrive as well. My personal favorite way to do the summer reading is by finding a great audiobook to listen. Just make sure you will have access to it again when we return to school because you will use the text in our first unit. Feel free to reach out to me at ebarnhart@uplifteducation.org or by messenger on schoology if you have questions. If you have read these or need an alternative, I am happy to work with you to pick a different comparable selection.

I will be hosting zoom sessions in the upcoming weeks to go over these instructions and answer questions, and I will post the times and links for those on the schoology page. There will also a youtube playlist with helpful videos.

Please note that I will be out of town from June 17th-22nd, so I will not be responding during this time.

Step 1: Join the Summer English Course on schoology.

To join a new course on schoology, follow the simple steps below. You will find information and helpful documents here.

1. Log into your school schoology account. If you are new to UNHP, you will need to create an account since your school one will not be ready until closer to the school time. Please contact me for information about doing this.
2. Click courses at the top
3. Click **My Courses** in the **Top Right Corner** of the drop down menu
4. Click **Join a Course** on the right hand side
5. Enter the code D7WZ-389Z-DQS7G into the box that pops up

Step 2: Pick a set of text

Below is a list of selections. You will pick a main novel, and each novel has a specific companion reading. A companion reading can be graphic novel, short novel, or a selection of different text like poetry, short stories, or nonfiction, and these were picked with the main novel in mind. Some of the companion text can be found in the folder for the main novel on the schoology summer course along with other helpful documents like descriptions, book trailers, and other media that I find to connect to the books.

Main Novel	Companion Reading
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak	Displacement by Kiku Hughes (Graphic Novel)
Lord of the Flies by William Golding	“The Man in the Well” by Ira Sher (Short Story) “The Lottery” by Shirley Jackson (Short Story) “The 1972 Andes Flight Disaster” by Commonlit Staff (Nonfiction) “Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs” by Commonlit Staff
Matched by Ally Condie	“Do Not Go Gentle Into the Good Night” by Dylan Thomas (Poem) “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” by Robert Frost (Poem) “Examination Day” by Henry Slesar (Short Story) “Would You Marry a Stranger” by Jessica McBirney (Nonfiction)
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian by Sherman Alexie	New Kid by Jerry Craft (Graphic Novel)
Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams	Ms. Marvel: Kamala Khan by G. Willow Wilson (Graphic Novel)
The Storm Runner by J.C. Cervantes	This Was Our Pact by Ryan Andrews (Graphic Novel)
Same But Different by Holly Robinson Peete, Ryan Elizabeth Peete, and RJ Peete	Miles Morales: Spider-man by Jason Reynolds (Novel)
Good Enough by Paula Yoo	The Witch Boy by Molly Ostertag (Graphic Novel)
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott	More to the Story by Hena Khan (Novel)

Step 3: Write the Letter of Introduction

You will find the instructions with an example, rubric, and prewriting documents in the folder marked Letter of Introduction on the summer schoology course. This assignment will be one of the summatives for the first quarter while also being a great way for me to get to know you. This needs to be submitted to the assignment in the same folder by your first day of class with me, but you are welcome to submit it at any time over the summer.

Step 4: Picking an Exploration Question

After you have finished your novel and Letter of Introduction, you will complete a google form about your novel. Part of this form is to pick a question you are interested in exploring next year, and you will be given a set of questions specific to your book to pick from. We will use the different questions to guide our instruction for the upcoming school year.