



ROSATI-KAIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021 SUMMER READING/REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS

Dear Class of 2021,

Welcome from Rosati-Kain's English Department! To get ready for your Freshman Literary Types class, please complete the literature and grammar projects listed below.

Part 1. Listed below are several novels which tell about people who have overcome great obstacles in their lives. We ask that during the summer before you begin your freshman year you would read one of the books from the list below, and write a five-paragraph essay about the book. Please use the MLA format for headings, page numbers, and page citations for quotes. This essay will be due on your first day of English class.

The first paragraph should contain the book's title and author, a BRIEF (no more than three or four sentences) summary of the book, and this first paragraph should conclude with the thesis sentence. Paragraphs two, three, and four should each give one reason to support your thesis, and should use incidents and cited quotes from the book to support your reasons. The fifth paragraph will restate the thesis statement and come to a conclusion.

Sample thesis statements:

In *Diary of a Young Girl*, Anne Frank changes during her stay in the Secret Annex because of the problems she had to face.

-or-

In *Diary of a Young Girl*, Anne Frank shows great insight into human nature.

There is no "one answer" or "one right topic." You may develop any topic you wish by using examples from the book to support your topic sentences.

Novels from which you may choose: *Fahrenheit 451* Ray Bradbury
The Secret Life of Bees Sue Monk Kidd
The Book Thief Markus Zusak
Emma Jane Austen

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Part 2. As you begin your freshman year, a working knowledge of the eight parts of speech and basic sentence structure will be expected. As part of your preparation for a successful transition into the Freshman Literary Types class, we would like you to visit some websites which will serve as a *parts of speech* and *grammar* review for you. In addition to your essay, please bring this completed sheet to English class on the first day so that we can share our knowledge as a group; this sheet will also serve as a helpful tool for independent grammar studies.

Once you have visited at least three grammar websites, please fill out the following information:

Favorite website you visited: _____

List three items you found helpful, or that gave you information you did not have before.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Another good website you visited: _____

List three items you found helpful, or that gave you information you did not have before.

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The third good website you visited: _____

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If you have any questions, please e-mail us at bhacker@rosati-kain.org or lgoveroyann@rosati-kain.org.

We will see you in August!