



ROSATI-KAIN CLASS OF 2029 SUMMER READING/REVIEW ASSIGNMENT

Dear Class of 2029,

Welcome from Rosati-Kain's English Department! We hope this project will help prepare you for your Freshman Literary Types class.

Novels often portray people who have overcome great obstacles in their lives. Over the summer, please read one of the books from the list below and write a five-paragraph essay about the book. Please use MLA format for headings, page numbers, and page citations for quotes. This essay will be due during the first week of school in August and will count toward your first quarter grade. Please bring a paper copy of this essay to submit. If you are unable to print your essay, send a pdf version to the email addresses listed below.

The first paragraph should contain the book's title (italicized, of course) and author, a brief (no more than three or four sentences) summary of the book, and a thesis sentence. Paragraphs two, three, and four should each give one reason to support your thesis, and each body paragraph should use **cited quotes from the book** to support your reasons. Citations, like the example on the next line, should be placed at the end of the sentence and include the author's last name and page number in parentheses (Smith 12). The fifth and final paragraph will restate the thesis statement and come to a conclusion.

Here are some 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 your chosen book to support your topic sentences. Choose one of the following books.

Fahrenheit 451 Ray Bradbury

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind William Kamkwamba (not the Young Reader edition)

The Secret Life of Bees Sue Monk Kidd

The Book Thief Markus Zusak

Optional but recommended: As part of your preparation for the Freshman Literary Types class, we would like you to visit some websites which will serve as a review of grammar. Please be familiar with the parts of speech, sentence structure (subject, predicate, complements, phrases), clauses, capitalization, punctuation, and diagramming. We will cover this material in class, but more preparation on your part will ease your transition to freshman year.

If you have any questions, please e-mail them to nodem@rosati-kain.org or bhacker@rosati-kain.org.

We look forward to seeing you in August; welcome to Rosati-Kain!