



ROSATI-KAIN ACADEMY CLASS OF 2027
SUMMER READING/REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS

Dear Class of 2027,

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 a few novels which tell about people who have overcome great obstacles in their lives. During the summer before you begin your freshman year, 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.

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

Part 2. As you begin your freshman year, a working knowledge of the 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 review for you. In addition to your essay, please bring the back of this sheet to English class on the first day so that we can share our knowledge as a group; this sheet may serve as a helpful tool in class as well.

Over . . .

If you have any questions, please e-mail them to bhacker@rosati-kain.org. We will see you in August!

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Find a good website that explains the PARTS OF SPEECH. Write the URL and then write three items you found helpful or that gave you information you did not have before.

URL: _____

1. _____

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Find a good website that explains SUBJECTS, PREDICATES, AND COMPLEMENTS. Write the URL and then write three items you found helpful or that gave you information you did not have before.

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Find a good website that explains the different kinds of CLAUSES. Write the URL and then write three items you found helpful or that gave you information you did not have before.

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Find a good website that explains CAPITALIZATION AND PUNCTUATION. Write the URL and then write three items you found helpful or that gave you information you did not have before.

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