



Mance Park Middle School
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Dear Mance Park Middle School 2019-2020 Eighth Grade Parents,

In Huntsville ISD, students are encouraged to read for pleasure over the summer. Summer reading provides many advantages for students, including maintaining skills, fostering independent learning, and promoting a lifelong love of reading.

PreAP and AP English courses offered in grades 6 – 12 are designed to develop reading, writing, and critical thinking skills necessary for success in these courses. Additionally, students who enroll in PreAP or AP English courses in grades 6-12 are expected to read an appropriately challenging work of literary merit over the summer to create an initial common framework for course discussion and study.

Students requesting 8th Grade PreAP English/Language Arts are to carefully read one of the following titles this summer.

***Monster* by Walter Dean Myers**
***A Night to Remember* by Walter Lord**
***The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper**

The guiding questions below provide the student with a focus for his/her reading. After classroom instruction, these guiding questions and the summer reading text will provide the basis for discussion and writing in the fall semester.

Guiding Questions:

How does the conflict contribute to the rising action?
How does the turning point develop within the story?
How does the resolution wrap up the story?
How do the main character's qualities and choices influence the development of the story?

Students are encouraged to read additional books of their choice throughout the summer for enjoyment and to maintain literacy skills. Encourage your child to complete this reading by the start of school in August. All students must complete the reading no later than Monday, August 19.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Huntsville ISD Curriculum and Instruction

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