

**English 1 Pre-AP**  
**2018-2019 Summer Reading Assignment**  
**Mrs. Wyatt**

The coursework for English 1 Pre-AP starts with this assignment. This year's summer assignment involves reading a novel and completing an activity in conjunction with the reading.

**Supplies you will need for your summer work and the 2018-19 school year:**

- A 3 subject spiral with dividers and pockets. A majority of your work throughout the year will be done in this spiral. This spiral will be very important in tracking your notes and work throughout the coming school year, so please invest wisely.
- A copy of the book *How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Revised Edition* by Thomas C. Foster. This book outlines specific strategies and concepts that will enable students to become better critical thinkers and better writers. This book will be used for the English Pre-AP and AP program for the duration of the student's 4 years at Needville High School. It is important that each student buys his or her own copy as students will be marking and annotating directly in the books. The book can be purchased online at Amazon.com or at any major bookstore. **YOU ONLY NEED THIS BOOK BY THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. YOU WILL NOT USE IT FOR SUMMER WORK.**
- Sticky notes (Post-Its), highlighters, and pens/pencils. You may use any color except red or purple.
- A copy of *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. The book can be purchased online at Amazon.com or at any major bookstore. You can also obtain a copy of the book from Needville High School if you contact Mrs. Wyatt by May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Google Classroom**

You will be submitting your summer work and many of your assignments during the year to Google Classroom.

- If you are not familiar with Google Classroom please read the attached instructions on how to access it.
- If you are familiar with Google Classroom, enroll in my 2018-19 English 1 PreAP Summer Work class.
  - The class code is hx4jjl0.

**Summer Work Assignments:**

**Activity 1: Pre-Reading**

1. Read the following information about the book:

Liesel Meminger is only nine years old when she is taken to live with the Hubermanns, a foster family, on Himmel Street in Molching, Germany, in the late 1930s. She arrives with few possessions, but among them is *The Grave Digger's Handbook*, a book that she stole from her brother's burial place. During the years that Liesel lives with the Hubermanns, Hitler becomes more powerful, life on Himmel Street becomes more fearful, and Liesel becomes a full fledged book thief. She rescues books from Nazi book-burnings and steals from the library of the mayor. Liesel is illiterate when she steals her first book, but Hans Hubermann uses her prized books to teach her to read. This is a story of courage, friendship, love, survival, death, and grief. This is Liesel's life on Himmel Street, told from Death's point of view.

**Activity 2: Read *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak**

**\*\*Note:** The book is lengthy, but very engaging. Please plan enough time to read the book and complete the assignment before August 1<sup>st</sup>.

While reading the book, underline/highlight statements or descriptions that seem significant to you. These can seem significant because they are important to the book's plot, theme, or character development. They can also

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seem significant because you are able to make a connection to an idea or concept outside of the book itself. \*\*If you use a copy from NHS, do not write in the book. You will make notes on sticky notes.

After reading the book, select 10 of the statements or descriptions that you underlined/highlighted. Be sure to show a progression of statements or descriptions throughout the book. Create a Says/Means/Matters chart similar to the one below that contains the specified information in your spiral. You will have 10 entries in your chart.

Be sure to complete the chart in your spiral. You will be taking a picture and submitting this assignment to Google Classroom. However, the assignment must be completed and stay in your spiral until the first day of school. The chart must be hand written.

<b>SAYS</b>	<b>MEANS</b>	<b>MATTERS</b>
Provide the direct textual evidence from the novel. Include the page number(s).	Explain what was happening at this point in the book. What does the quote mean in connection to the content of the book? (1-2 sentences)	Explain why this quote matters. Connect the textual evidence to importance of the book as a whole or to an outside concept or idea. (2-3 sentences)

Other important information:

- The assignment is due 11:59 p.m. by/on **Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.**
- Any student who does not submit their summer work on time will be removed from the class.
- The assignment must be submitted to Google Classroom. Be sure to take a picture of your Says/Means/Matters chart and upload the image. It must be hand written.
- A test over the book will be given when school begins.
- For any questions over the summer assignment, please email Mrs. Wyatt at [wytatk@needvilleisd.com](mailto:wytatk@needvilleisd.com). Please note that this email is not checked daily. Please allow several days for a reply.

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**How to use Google Classroom**

Google Classroom will be your life line in this class. During the school year, I will post each day in Google Classroom. You will use this service for obtaining missing assignments if you are absent, completing specific assignments outside of class, and reviewing knowledge from previous units.

**How to log on to Google Classroom:**

- ✓ Go to [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com)
- ✓ Log in with your SCHOOL google account
  - Username: [lastnamefirstinitial@needvilleisd.com](mailto:lastnamefirstinitial@needvilleisd.com)
  - Password: 00yourstudentid
    - EXAMPLE:
    - Username: [smithj@needvillieisd.com](mailto:smithj@needvillieisd.com)
    - Password: 00200126
- ✓ When you log in, click on the plus sign at the top of the page to join a class.
- ✓ Use the class code below
  - English 1 PreAP: hx4jjl0.
- ✓ Click on join.

You will see that you have joined my class.

**Features:**

**Stream**

I will post in the stream each day. This is where you can find out what happened in class if you were absent or you can also find the homework for the night.

**Students**

There is not much that happens in this section because I do not allow you to post on the feed.

**About**

In this section, I will add files throughout the year for you to access from anywhere. Utilize this to help you with assignments or notes that you may have forgotten.

**Don't forget to download the APP!**