**Sussex Academy Summer Reading 2016**

This summer you will need to read two books from the appropriate grade level list. Sixth graders will pick two books from the appropriate grade level list and complete **FOUR** summaries for **EACH** book. Seventh graders will pick **ONE** book by Jordan Sonnenblick (from the 7th grade choices) and a second book from the 7th grade list and complete **FOUR** summaries for **EACH** book. All eighth graders will read Chains by Laura Halse Anderson and pick one book from the eighth grade reading list. Eighth graders will need to complete **FOUR** summaries for **EACH** book.

* You will need to summarize what happens in the first quarter-of-the book, halfway through the book, three-quarters of the way through the book, and at the end of the book.
* Please make sure that you stop at the end of a chapter when you write your summary, not in the middle of the chapter.
* Please write your first and last name at the top of each page along with the book title (underlined and capitalized correctly please).
* Please submit on the first day of school to your reading teacher on lined paper. No folders are necessary.

**What Is Summarizing?**

Summarizing is how we take large amounts of text and whittle it down to the bare essentials: the gist, the key ideas, and the main points that are worth mentioning and remembering. It is the condensing of a larger work into the most basic and important ideas.

A summary for a fictional novel is a short description of the most important events in a story. The summary will tell what happens. When summarizing a story, the reader needs to include important information about the characters, plot, and setting.

**Please DO the following:**

* tell what happens in the story
* include the most important information about the characters, plot and setting
* write clearly so that someone who has not read the book understands what the book is about.

**Please DO NOT do the following:**

* write down everything
* write down next to nothing
* copy word for word

**Someone who has not read the book you have summarized should be able to understand the storyline when they read your summaries**