

9th Grade Gifted English Summer Assignments

You'll have two books to read and annotate, as well as an assignment to complete with each book. You will use small post-it notes to annotate your books. Be sure to bring your annotated texts to the first day of class. Each assignment must be completed and ready to submit to me on Monday, August 5. You do not need to print or email your assignments. Instead, be sure that you bring your Chromebook to school on Monday, August 5 and have your assignments in your Google Drive. You will submit them to a website to check for plagiarism in class (don't worry, we'll do that together!).

If you have any questions, please be sure to contact me at shoemaker.whitney@fcboe.mail.org.

Book 1: *Chinese Cinderella*

Assignment:

Read through *Chinese Cinderella* with a stack of small post-it notes. As you read, look for significant events in Adeline's life. Use the post-it to mark the place in the book. (I suggest writing a quick note on the post-it so that you remember what happened there.) Use the post-its to also mark questions you have, important quotes you may see, etc. **Annotations: 28 points *I will check these on Monday, 8/5 Be sure to bring your book with you to class on the first day of school. If you do not have your annotated book, you will not receive credit for this assignment.**

When you have finished reading, choose what you think are the 12 most significant events in Adeline's life. Explain the event in your own words, find a quote that explains the event (this is where your post-it will come in handy!), and explain the effects of the events. You can do this in paragraph form or create a chart.

Rubric:

Explanation of event in own words	2 points
Quotation with page number	2 points
Explanation of effect	2 points

Total: 72 points (remember that you will do this 12 times!) If you are unable to upload this on the first day of school, you will lose 50% credit. I will show you where to upload in class that day. Be sure to have your charged Chromebook and your assignment(s) in your Google Drive.

Book 2: *Ender's Game*

Assignment:

Read through *Ender's Game* with a stack of small post-it notes. As you read, look for figurative language (similes, metaphors, hyperbole, etc. --but don't go crazy with these!), literary devices (foreshadowing, imagery, etc.) significant quotes, events, characters, or any questions you may have as you read. Just as I suggested in *Chinese Cinderella*, I suggest that you make a note on your post-it. **Annotations: 25 points *I will check these on Monday, 8/5 Be sure to bring your book with you to class on the first day of school. If you do not have your annotated book, you will not receive credit for this assignment.**

When you have finished, write me an essay on any aspect of *Ender's Game*. You can be as creative or as formulaic as you would like to be. I would just like to see a sample of your writing and what you do with a bit of a blank canvas. Use *Ender's Game* as your a jumping point. While some students enjoy this kind of writing freedom, others find it anxiety-inducing; therefore, check out the essay topics at

<https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/endersgame/essay-topics/> if you are at a loss as to what to write. Of course, there are some constrictions to this writing assignment. Please adhere to the following rubric:

MLA format (heading, 12pt Times New Roman)	15 points
No shorter than 2 full pages, no longer than 4 pages	10 points
Essay has a clear topic	5 points
Essay directly links to <i>Ender's Game</i>	25 points
Essay uses support and details to support its topic	20 points

Total: 75 points

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I'm looking forward to a fantastic school year, and I cannot wait to meet each of you. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and have happy days of reading ahead of you!

Whitney Shoemaker