

Seventh Grade

Summer Assignments

2019

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English (All students)

Hello, Rising Seventh Graders!

Congratulations on a successful finish to your school year. For your summer reading assignment, you are required to read *Leviathan* by Scott Westerfeld. The book is available for purchase from both Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Leviathan is the first in Westerfeld's steampunk series of the same name, which takes place in an alternate universe version of World War I. While the book is rather long, it is full of action and should keep you engaged from the start. I highly recommend that you read with a purpose. This means annotating passages that will assist you to complete an in class writing assignment during the first week of school.

A major theme for English 7 next year is the notion of identity. Identity is often defined as both the way we view ourselves and the way in which others perceive us. As young adults, you are in the process of trying to figure out who you are and where you fit in. Deryn and Alek, the protagonists in the book, are no different.

As you read, mark passages that relate to both Alek's and Deryn's identities. In particular, consider the following:

- How Alek views himself at the beginning
- How Deryn views herself at the beginning
- How society or other characters view each of them in the beginning
- How each character's self-perception changes once each hides his or her true identity from others
- How other characters or society views them differently or treats them differently after they hide who they really are

When you return to campus and in the fall you will complete an in class writing assignment based on the ideas above, so it's very important that you have your annotated text or notes from your reading if you borrow the book from a library.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at ahogan@mphschool.org. Remember that you are welcome (encouraged, in fact!) to read lots of other books this summer. If you'd like some suggestions, feel free to email me.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hogan

Math:

Complete the assignment for the course you will be ENTERING in September.

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Math 7

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- Review/Complete the book *Pre-Algebra Demystified* by Allan Bluman – refer to letter for details (in the Algebra AC packet)
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