

# Summer Reading Assignment

## GIFTED ELA 7th Grade

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to have you next year! As we enter into the 1st nine weeks, it's important that we start the year successfully. Your summer reading assignment is to read one of the following books:

- *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper
- *Counting By Sevens* by Holly Sloan
- *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart

I suggest that you start reading early, read and reread (if you don't understand certain parts), and even take notes on things you like or are confused about. After you read the novel, complete TWO of the assignments listed on the back of this letter. Everything should be completed AND brought to school the FIRST day of school. I will take up your summer reading work and use it for grades, classwork, discussions, quizzes, or whatever other assessment I determine is necessary.

Expectations for ALL assignments:

- use complete sentences
- use correct punctuation
- use the proper heading (see example below)
- use your own notebook paper
- check spelling
- double check spelling

How to head your paper:

(left side)	(right side)
Your Name	summer reading
ELA	title of the assignment
Due Date	

*Example:*

<i>Jane Smith</i>	<i>summer reading</i>
<i>ELA</i>	<i>Level Questions</i>
<i>August 12, 2016</i>	

**For the novel you chose – pick two assignments to complete**

**Assignment #1 – The Alternant Ending**

Create an alternate ending to the novel by... (choose one)

- o Typing the alternant ending (2-3 pages double spaced)
- o Making a movie/video that shows the new ending
- o Writing a script of the new ending

**Assignment #2 – The Comic Book**

Turn the novel into a comic book. Provide colorful illustrations, dialogue, and narration. Your comic book must include at least 20 tiles. (Consider using Pixton – a free online animation website)

**Assignment #3 – The Interview**

Prepare a script for an interview, with you as the interviewer, and with one of the characters from the book as the interviewee. Write both your questions and the answers you think that character would give. This should include at least 12 questions and answers.

**Assignment #4 – The Diary**

Imagine you are the person in your book. Write a diary for a week as the character would have written the entries. Each entry should be at least half a page and there should be seven entries

**Assignment #5 – The Summary**

Write a four paragraph summary of the book. You should discuss the plot, characters, and any literary elements you found within the book. Make sure to use direct quotes and proper citations where needed.

**Assignment #6 – The Children’s Book**

Rewrite the story in a 10-15 page children’s book. There should be illustrations and the whole plot should be covered.

**Assignment #7 – The Book Trailer**

Create a 1-2 minute book trailer that conveys major themes of the book without giving the ending away. Your trailer should make others WANT to read the book.

**Assignment #8 – The Sequel**

Write 2-3 pages double spaced to explain the plot of a sequel to whatever book that you read. Think about new adventures for the characters to go through – or even introduce a new

character.