



Summer Reading for Students New to Parker

Step 1: Choose two books that interest you. We hope you will pick books that are a good fit for who you are as a reader – you might think about the Goldilocks rule: the books should be not too easy and not too hard; they should be just right.

Step 2: Once you have read your book, complete the two assignments below. You may hand write your responses or you can download these directions from the Parker website and type your answers.

Don't worry about making these assignments perfect – we are most interested in what you think – so be honest and you'll do wonderfully!

We will collect your assignments in your Arts and Humanities class on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021**. You are welcome to finish the assignments earlier than this, too.

Assignment 1: Yourself as a Reader

Respond to **one or more** of the prompts below (you do not have to answer them all). You should use examples from ONE of the books you read to support your answers:

1. How would you describe yourself as a reader?
2. What drew you to this book? Is it the type of book you usually read? Why/why not?
3. What was challenging about this book? How did you overcome the challenge?

Assignment 2: Examining the Text

Choose **one** of the prompts below and use the OTHER of the books you read to support your answer:

1. Pick a character that is important to the book. Describe the character in detail: Why is that character so important? What motivates that character? How does the character change over time?
2. What is the main idea or message of your book? What does the author seem to be trying to communicate with the book?
3. Choose a passage from the book that you really like. What do you like about it? How does it add to the book as a whole?