

Crossroads College Preparatory School Seventh Grade Summer 2008

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If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young.

Maya Angelou

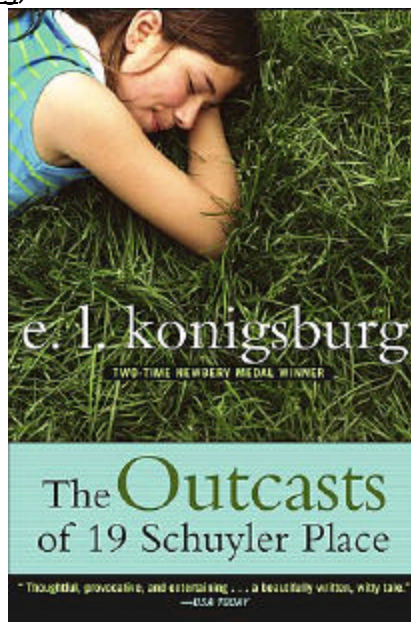
Dear students:

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I am extremely excited that I will be meeting all of you soon and teaching you during your first year at Crossroads College Prep! The members of the Crossroads College Prep English Department subscribe to Maya Angelou's belief that reading helps make us who we are. Without books, we are limited to the universe of our own experience; with books, the world is our oyster. There is a Chinese Proverb that says: "A book is like a garden carried in the pocket." Books have the ability to change the way we think about the world around us, our relations, and ourselves.

Throughout the school years, we choose the books we feel will enrich you, and we even require some over the summer! However, one of the joys of summer is the freedom to read books of your own choosing. We strongly advocate finding books that interest you and reading avidly every summer. Reading for pleasure builds skills that apply directly in English classes but have application in all aspects of your academic and social life. There is no substitute for being a voracious reader!

Here is the reading and writing assignment for this summer. I will be out of the country, so please direct any questions to Anne Nightingale (721-4521 or anne@crossroads-school.org).



Directions: While reading, please fill out the following charts. You may wish to read through the whole packet before reading the novel so as to keep the writing goals in mind as you go.

character	Choose 4 adjectives that capture essential elements of that person	Quotation that proves the adjective choice is a good one	Analysis of quotation, justifying your choice of adjectives
Margaret Rose Kane	Adjective #1	Quotation to prove adjective #1	Analysis of adjective #1
	Adjective #2	Quotation to prove adjective #2	Analysis of adjective #2
	Adjective #3	Quotation to prove adjective #3	Analysis of adjective #3
	Adjective #4	Quotation to prove adjective #4	Analysis of adjective #4

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Jake Kaplan	Adjective #1	Quotation to prove adjective #1	Analysis of adjective #1
	Adjective #2	Quotation to prove adjective #2	Analysis of adjective #2
	Adjective #3	Quotation to prove adjective #3	Analysis of adjective #3
	Adjective #4	Quotation to prove adjective #4	Analysis of adjective #4

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Mrs. Kaplan	Adjective #1	Quotation to prove adjective #1	Analysis of adjective #1
	Adjective #2	Quotation to prove adjective #2	Analysis of adjective #2
	Adjective #3	Quotation to prove adjective #3	Analysis of adjective #3
	Adjective #4	Quotation to prove adjective #4	Analysis of adjective #4

For each of the following characters, please choose 2 adjectives for each

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Uncle Alex	Adjective #1	Quotation to prove adjective #1	Analysis of adjective #1
	Adjective #2	Quotation to prove adjective #2	Analysis of adjective #2
Uncle Morris	Adjective #1	Quotation to prove adjective #1	Analysis of adjective #1
	Adjective #2	Quotation to prove adjective #2	Analysis of adjective #2

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Loretta Bevilaqua	Adjective #1	Quotation to prove adjective #1	Analysis of adjective #1
	Adjective #2	Quotation to prove adjective #2	Analysis of adjective #2
Peter Vanderwaal	Adjective #1	Quotation to prove adjective #1	Analysis of adjective #1
	Adjective #2	Quotation to prove adjective #2	Analysis of adjective #2