



LHS English Department Freshman Seminar Required Summer Reading

All students in grade 9 at Laconia High School are **required to complete a summer reading assignment**. This assignment is designed to prepare students for discussions and content that will be explored in their Freshmen Seminar course. Students can type or handwrite their responses. Completed assignments must be submitted to your English teacher by the second day of classes when school starts in the fall.

Books can be obtained from the Laconia Public Library. Several titles below can also be accessed through Hoopla, a digital service offered by the Laconia Public Library (including ebooks and audiobooks).

Assignment Steps:

1. Select one of the following books to read:

- *Good Different*, by Meg Eden Kuyatt
- *Slacker*, by Gordon Korman
- *Charming As a Verb*, by Ben Philippe
- *Uglies*, by Scott Westerfeld
- *The Wednesday Wars*, by Gary D. Schmidt
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, by Gennifer Choldenko
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart

2. Divide your book into 10 roughly equal sections. In each section, choose 1 quote that you think is important or noteworthy, and explain why you chose that quote (10 total). This is a formative grade.

- Write down the quote you picked, with quotation marks, exact text language, and the page number(s) the quote is on.
- Explain why you picked each quote - what stood out to you? Why do you think it is important or noteworthy? Aim for 3-5 sentences to explain each.
- Choose 1 quote for each section, for a total of 10 quotes.
- Give your quotes/explanations to your teacher on the second day of school.

NOTE: This summer reading assignment will be the basis for our first **summative** assessment. It is important to complete it.