

# Summer Reading

Bishop Seabury English 7 – Bryan

Before school starts in August, every incoming seventh grader must read **two books**: *The Outsiders* by **S. E. Hinton** and *The House of the Scorpion* by **Nancy Farmer**. Both may be on your family bookshelves, and they are available from the library as well as electronically, **BUT you will need a COPY of each book (print or digital) for class discussion during 1<sup>st</sup> quarter**. I am not concerned about which editions you read—the stories will be the same, but you must be able to bring it with you to class. For each of the two books, please complete the following:

- Send me a fun postcard that includes:
  - your name
  - the name of the book you have finished
  - the date you finished it
  - a Top 5 list based on something important from the book. Make sure you include a creative title for your list. Start at 5 and work your way down to 1 (which should be the most important). And please, **do not** merely create a list of characters...the best lists will include some sort of analysis.

Please send only one book title per card. Mail your cards to my home address:

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- Have a parent sign each postcard, to vouch for the fact that you have finished your reading.
- Both postcards must be to me by Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pace your reading so that you aren't desperate to finish in early August. Reading should be enjoyable... don't make it work. **Keep simple notes in a journal on the books you read**. You will be able to use them on your reading test. You will need to remember the main characters and what they were like, the story's major problem, the setting, and perhaps the scenes that most captured your imagination or that taught you something.

In class, we will use the information from these books in several ways, and you will not be able to participate well if you have not done the reading. NOTE: If you didn't know you were coming to Seabury until late in the summer, read *The Outsiders* first.

Have fun reading, and I look forward to hearing about what you learn!

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