

### All Regular English Seventh Grade Students:

The end of the school year is fast approaching, and we realize that your summer reading is the last thing on your mind. However, you are required to read one book this summer before you enter the seventh grade. This summer you will read *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, written by John Boyne. This is the story of a young boy named Bruno who lives in Germany during the Holocaust.

To help you better understand the book and to follow the plot, you will be writing summaries of the chapters as you read, as well as a character list. These will be two separate sections in your folder. The character list should be the first section and will be followed by the chapter summaries.

- Write on white, wide-ruled notebook paper.
- Write on the front of each page; do not write on the back of the paper.
- Use erasable black or blue pen; do not use pencil.
- Write in cursive.
- Put the book title in the center of the folder and your first and last name in the top right corner of the folder.

#### CHARACTER LIST:

- This section will be first in your folder, and it is separate from the chapter summaries.
- As you read, begin your character list by listing three to four characters per page with space in between each name. Add information about each character as you continue to read.
- The more important a character is, the more information you should have written by that character's name.
- You do not have to write in complete sentences with these character descriptions.

#### CHAPTER SUMMARIES:

- Write one chapter summary per page. It is okay to go over a page. Just make sure each chapter is separate from the next.
- Place the number of the chapter on the top line of the notebook paper.
- Place the character information sheets first, followed by your chapter summaries in a folder with brads. Place the notebook paper inside the brads.

This assignment will be turned in on the *TUESDAY, AUGUST 14th* and will be worth a test grade. You will also take a test over the novel on the same day of school. **MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN ABOVE. THIS WILL BE A LARGE PART OF THE GRADE.**

Please do not get the SparkNotes or any other literature supplement and use these to write your summaries and character lists. This is considered plagiarism and will result in a zero. This assignment is to help the students comprehend what they are reading and copying these other resources will hinder that process.

In class this fall after *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, you will be reading *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. So, you might want to purchase both books early this summer. We hope you have a wonderful summer. I am looking forward to an awesome year in 7<sup>th</sup> grade English.

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