

# IB ENGLISH 8

## Summer Reading

Welcome to IB English 8! This packet addresses the guidelines for completing the IB summer reading assignment. We are excited to provide you with the opportunity to read 3 great books and complete a fun task in preparation for an exciting year in IB English 8. All of the books on the list are centered around IBMYP aims and objectives. Over the course of the year, your teacher will guide you on an exploration of the IB Program through reading assignments, writing prompts, group work, a research project, and other exciting activities. Follow the steps below to prepare for your journey through 8th grade IB English.

**1. REQUIRED IB BOOKS:** You are required to read (1) *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton AND (2) *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman.

**2. CHOOSE YOUR BOOK:** With the help of a parent or other adult, read one additional book of your choice from the list below. The books address the *Area of Interaction* Health & Social Education as well as the Laying the Foundation curriculum for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Remember, the third book you read **MUST** come from this list.

### Read ONE

alphabetical by author

*Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

*An Abundance of Katherines* by John Green

*Uprising* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

*Fireflies in December* by Jennifer Erin Valent

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

**3. COMPLETE AN ACTIVITY:** For the summer reading assignment, you will create a newspaper using a computer program or poster board. The newspaper must include the following:

- creative title for the newspaper
- one article about Health & Social Education: Discuss the mental and physical health of 1 of the characters (**from 1 book**) and how he/she interacts with others.
- one article about the IB Learner Profile: Pick 3 characters (**1 from each book**) and discuss which IB Learner Profile trait he/she exhibits and why.
- one article about the role of the physical setting (**from 1 book**): Discuss how the setting contributes to the relationships between the characters.
- one advertisement that is related to something in 1 of the books
- no less than 3 graphics

Your newspaper will be **graded**; therefore, you should produce quality writing. Make sure to revise and edit your work and present it in a clear, neat manner. Be prepared to write about and discuss the books upon returning to school.

All newspapers will be graded according to the Virginia Domain Scoring Rubric as follows:

COMPOSING (This can include following directions.) – on a scale of 1 to 4

- central idea
- organization
- elaboration
- transitions
- point of view

WRITTEN EXPRESSION – on a scale of 1 to 4

- voice
- tone/attitude
- vocabulary
- active verbs
- sentence variety
- imagery

USAGE/MECHANICS – on a scale of 1 to 4

- sentence structure
- spelling
- verb tenses
- subject-verb agreement
- pronoun-antecedent agreement
- punctuation
- capitalization

The newspapers will be scored as one assignment. A score of 100/A would be comprised of three domain scores that total 12 points. (Example: 4 in Composing, 4 in Written Expression, 4 in Usage/Mechanics).

Grade:	Total Domain Points:	Grade:	Total Domain Points:
100/A	12 pts	80/C	7 pts
95/A	11 pts	76/D	6 pts
92/B	10 pts	72/D	5 pts
88/B	9 pts	69/F	4 pts
85/B	8 pts	65/F	3 pts

**This assignment is due on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and will count as one quiz grade during the first marking period.**