



Summer Reading Programme

Students Entering Grade 9 Eng L&L and Eng B - August, 2016

An integral part of the UNIS Hanoi English and World Languages Department is our focus on the Independent Reading Programme. We strive to emphasize free choice reading and discovering texts and books that interest, inspire and challenge your thinking. Upon returning in August you need to have completed the summer reading programme as outlined below.

You will NOT need to bring these texts and your two completed written tasks the first day of school but your teacher will ask you to bring both texts and both written tasks during the first week of school .

TEXT 1: Read a novel (fiction) you can read and understand on your own. The novel needs to be in English.

Written Task #1 : You will need to respond to four following essential questions. Your answers need to be in paragraphs . You should spend 20 minutes on each question, which means 80 minutes (no more, no less) total to complete this writing task. This time-limit is crucial as it is important for me to see what you can complete in 30 minutes of focused minutes of work. Do your best in terms of analysis (evidence and explanation), organization and language.

1. Who is the protagonist of this novel? Briefly identify him/her and the role s/he played in the novel. What motivates this central character's actions?
2. Briefly summarize the plot of text in two sentences. Then, identify the important parts of the story. Finally, explain the importance of the climax and resolution.
3. What is the most meaningful scene in the novel? Why?
4. What specific social problem or issue does the author seem to regard as not resolved?

TEXT 2: Read another text (any genre) you can read and understand on your own in English. This can be fiction, non-fiction, autobiography, romance or graphic novel. You choose.

Written Task 2 : You will need to write written plan of a 2-minute oral book review. You will present this oral book review. You can use any organizational planning method, but the planning must be in note-form because I want to see how you independently organize and plan.

1. A short (2-sentence) plot summary.
2. An explanation of two or three most important aspects of the novel (character, setting, plot, conflict, theme or language).
3. A justification of why this text is -- or is not—a good book to read.
4. Two or three important direct quotations from the text. Happy reading!