Summer Reading Assignments for Rising Ninth Graders
ALL assignments are due on the first day of school.

English I and English I Honors summer reading assignment #1:

Read *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

While reading the novel, complete the following:

1. Identify and highlight all references to weather. Write a note in the margin that explains the significance of the weather. Typically, the weather impacts or creates the mood, foreshadows future events, or symbolizes abstract ideas. Consider these ideas as you read and write your notes.

2. After each chapter, in the remaining white space on the page, write a 3-4 sentence insightful prediction that shows strong understanding of what you are reading. Ideas to consider are the following: What will happen in the next chapter? Who is a possible suspect? Please do not read ahead before you write your prediction. I want to read your genuine thoughts.

Sidenotes:

Make sure you read the poem that appears at the very beginning of the book, as this is important to the story.

The novel contains 16 chapters and an epilogue and a manuscript. Please make sure to read the novel in its entirety.

English I and English I Honors summer reading assignment #2:

Read *Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie* by David Lubar

No annotations are required while reading this novel. The assignment for *Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie* is as follows:

1. Using your personal middle school experiences and Scott Hudson’s journal as inspiration, create a clever, humorous, and descriptive survival manual for rising middle-schoolers. Your manual must be presented creatively and neatly. For example, you could type or handwrite your advice and create a decorative cover. You can include doodles and drawings in your journals in addition to your written advice. Your journal should reflect thoughtful and meaningful work. You are expected to write a minimum of 8 entries. Each entry should be between 100 - 150 words.