

2017-2018 12th Grade Summer Reading Assignments

Summer reading is meant to keep you thinking, even when school is not in session. When you start school in the fall, you need to be prepared to read and respond critically through writing to a piece of literature. **This must be read by the first day of school!**

Required 12th Grade Reading:

Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Pattillo Beals



In 1957, Melba Pattillo Beals and eight other teenagers became symbols for the Civil Rights Movement and the dismantling of Jim Crow in the American South as they integrated Little Rock's Central High School after the landmark 1954 Supreme Court ruling, *Brown v. Board of Education*. This is Beals' account of what it was like to be one of the first African Americans to integrate an all white school in Little Rock. She expresses what it was like to fear for her life, endure threats, and how she was able to withstand this cruelty with dignity.

Your assignment:

After you finish reading *Warriors Don't Cry*, write a 5-paragraph essay (introduction, 3 body paragraphs, and conclusion) **explaining what the author, Melba Pattillo Beals, wants readers to know about overcoming challenges and adversity.** Your essay should identify one or more strategies the protagonist uses in the novel and explain how these strategies could be applied in other real life situations. Your essay must be typed, adhere to MLA formatting, and be available electronically to submit to turnitin.com. **The hard copy will also be collected on the first day of school.**

Where can I purchase these books?

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