

READING AND WRITING WORKSHOP 8 SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Welcome to Trinity! We are looking forward to meeting you in August.

Over the summer, **read at least one book from the list below.**

When you return to school, be prepared to do some writing about your book, as we will use it for our first assignment. **It is recommended to annotate, or take notes, in your book** as you read to help you remember important details and first impressions. **You can find some guidelines and ideas for annotation [here](#).**

BOOK LIST

- *The 57 Bus* By Dashka Slater
- *I am Malala* By Malala Yousafzai
- *Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults)* by Bryan Stevenson
- *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning* by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds
- *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- *If You Come Softly* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds

Once you have finished reading, **write a 250-word reflection** answering the questions below. We will use these essays, as well as annotations, for a class assignment during the first weeks of school. You do not need to have it printed on the first day, as long as you have access to it on Google Drive and/or email. If you wish to bring in a printed copy, you absolutely may!

Reflection Questions

1. What is a brief summary of the book?
2. What do you think is the major theme of the book?
3. Would you recommend your book to a friend to read? Why?

If you have any questions about books and/or this assignment, please reach out to Ms. Sizemore (meredithsizemore@trinityyes.org).

Example Reflection:

My book that I read over the summer was Diary of a Wimpy Kid The GetAway and this book was about the a boy named Greg Heffly and his family were preparing for the wonderful christmas holiday but his mother had a great idea that instead of spending

christmas here at home they are going to go to a tropical island and have a great time and even ride a banana boat like the people be doing on TV, Greg didn't like the Idea of going out of town for christmas because, he loved getting gift and seeing what he would have, but everybody else liked it. His mom said that this will be your gift for spending time with family and enjoying the nice weather and having fun. The Heffly's are a crazy family and it isn't without something going on there packing their bags and onto their great christmas vacation. When they get to the place they just go bananas. Greg has to watch his little 5 year old brother Manny while Rodrick is out there trying to find women to be his girlfriend, and Greg's parents are just chilling and relaxing, but don't think there is just a happy ending and a happy vacation it is not! There are crazy adventures like losing manny and all the weird looking iguanas and lizards but to find out more you must read the book. I think the major theme of this book is about spending time with family and having a good time even though there is a lot of bad or crazy stuff happening. I would totally recommend this book to people because it tells a story of a 15 year boy. I'm guessing it doesn't really say how old he is and the crazy things he has to deal with his family. There are more books than just this, there is a whole series and I think people would like it. If I were a friend I would totally read this book. Also it can compare to other people's lives. I have loved this series ever since I was a kid and I just think other people and friends would enjoy this book.