

Robert Morgan Educational Center
Summer Reading Assignment
Grade 11 Home of the Pirates – Setting a Course of Literacy

Greetings 11th graders: You will be doing the following assignments for the books you read. You must read a total of two (2) books. This means there will be two full assignments. These assignments are due the first week of school. There are no exceptions.

- Book number one: For ALL 11th grade regular, honors, gifted – REQUIRED for ALL students – ***The Orphan Train*** by Christina Baker Kline

Redemption in literature - Redemption is a powerful and uplifting theme that acknowledges the human potential to succeed after having failed. Literature takes the same theme of brokenness and renewal and places it in the context of life on earth. How do we live life every day and heal the brokenness?

Assignment: Write an essay explaining how Christina Baker Kline uses the theme of redemption in her novel and whether the characters of Vivian Daly and Molly Ayer achieve redemption. Which character do you believe has had the more difficult life, and thus struggles with finding redemption? Support your claim with evidence from the book. Your essay must be typed, 12 font, double-spaced. It must be 500-750 words in length.

- Book number two: You must choose one of the following:
 - ***The Help*** – Kathryn Stockett
 - ***Of Mice and Men*** – John Steinbeck

Assignment: Create a Power Point/Prezi presentation that summarizes the entire novel you have read and explains what you believe to be the MOST prevalent theme. Your Power Point/Prezi should be no fewer than ten or more than fifteen slides that present the novel from beginning to end. Your Power Point/Prezi should be illustrated in some fashion and may contain sound.