**REQUIRED SUMMER READING LIST FOR SEVENTH GRADE ADVANCED ENGLISH with Mrs. Wahls**

This summer you will be required to read three books. Circle the books that you read from the list below and bring this list with you the first full week of class when there will be an assignment based on these books.

**Free Choice: Read two of the books listed below.**

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| **TITLE** | **AUTHOR** | **GENRE** |
| *Holes* | Louis Sachar | Mystery |
| *Out of My Mind* | Sharon Draper | Realistic Fiction |
| *The Book of Lies* | James Moloney | Mystery/ Fantasy |
| *Peak* | Roland Smith | Adventure |
| Fever 1793 | Laurie Halse Anderson | Historical Fiction |
| *When You Reach Me* | Rebecca Stead | Sci Fi/ Mystery |
| *Walk Two Moons* | Sharon Creech | Realistic Fiction |
| *The Testing* | Joelle Charbonneau | Sci Fi |

**PLUS:** A **non-fiction book** at least 100 pages in length of your choice!

**Summer Reading Essay Assignment**

Due by Fri. the first week of school

Answer 2 of the essay questions below.  You can type your responses. Make sure to include examples from the books to support your answers.

1. What is the theme of the novel you read? Describe it in detail. Give a **minimum of three well-elaborated examples** from the novel to support your answer.
2. All writers have their own style. Some authors include many details, some use lots of dialogue to tell the story, and many authors choose to write their stories from different points of view. Think about the book you are reading and describe the author’s style. Support your explanation with evidence from the text.
3. What is one crucial event in the story, which, if altered, would change everything? Explain.
4. Which character has the biggest influence (good or bad) on the main character? Describe their relationship and how it affects the outcome of the story.
5. All actions have consequences. Select one important action of a character and describe the consequences of that action.

For the non-fiction book, answer the question below:

1. What are the text features in this book? (Titles, pictures with captions, footnotes) How do the text features help further your understanding of the topic?