

English I 2017 Summer Reading

Welcome to Osceola Fundamental High School! You will begin preparing for high school English by reading *Scythe* by Neil Shusterman (ISBN: 9781442472426). This young adult work will challenge your thinking about dystopian literature by considering the effects of living forever in a perfect world. If you have read Shusterman's work *Unwind*, you already have an understanding of Shusterman's style and his point of view of dystopias. You may borrow the book through Osceola's library in electronic form through MackinVIA or hard copy. With the book in electronic form, you can download it to your phone or other electronic device. Like all library books, it has a limited time to borrow. The book is on the Battle of the Books list for Pinellas County Schools, so it is available in any book store or public library.

Please have the assignment completed to turn in for grading the first Friday of school, August 11, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact: Mrs. Powers at powersch@pcsb.org



You will write a response to one of the following essay prompts. Please use MLA format for in-text citations and include a works cited page at the end of the essays for the book and any sources you may have used while writing. If you have any questions about MLA format, please visit: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>.

1. In a well written essay, compare and contrast the images of survival and immortality in *Scythe* with another work such as *Unwind*, *Tuck Everlasting* [film or book], or *Escape from Camp 14*. (You may choose another work with approval. Please e-mail Mrs. Powers at Powersch@pcsb.org for approval). Consider the worlds these characters inhabit and why they would choose immortality or reject it. Include references to both texts with citations for direct quotes or paraphrases, 2 pages typed, in MLA format double spaced, size 12 font.
2. In this argumentative essay, you introduce yourself as a Scythe and describe your code of ethics or thinking about your profession of gleaning. Using examples from the text and your code of ethics, which character would you choose to glean? Two pages in MLA format.

