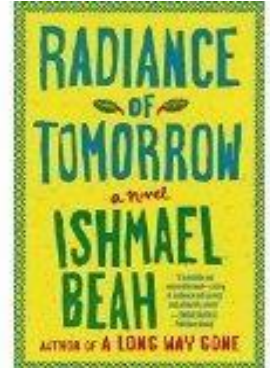


Osceola Fundamental High School: Warrior Honors Academy
Warrior Academy Environmental Literature Honors Summer Reading & Assignment 2017-18

Welcome to the 2017-18 Environmental Literature Honors course! To prepare yourself for the level of literary analysis needed to be successful, and to ensure you keep your skills sharp, you will need to complete the summer work.

You will read the following books:

- *Radiance of Tomorrow* by Ishmael Beah (ISBN 978-0374535032)
- *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman (ISBN: 9781442472426)



Part 1 – Annotation

While reading the novels, you are expected to annotate the book. Your annotations may be highlighting or writing notes in the margins. If you are unable to purchase your own copy to annotate, consider writing on sticky notes and sticking them on the corresponding pages. Items to annotate include but are not limited to:

- Words and phrases that stand out to you the reader
- Important scenes or key dialogue
- Character descriptions, motivations, and flaws
- Sections that are confusing to you
- Questions that pop into your head while reading
- Inferences you make while reading
- Any connections you make (text to self, text to world, text to text)
- Symbols, themes, and topics
- Literary devices and figurative language



Part 2 – Essay: Scythe

You will write responses 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 Mr. Sadler at Sadlerm@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.

Part 2 – Essay: Radiance of Tomorrow:

- In a well-written essay, explore the issues of environmental damage (the coal mine, pollution, corruption, etc...) and its effect on the town of Imperi and residence; how does the pollution of the water reflect the contamination (physical or metaphorical) of Imperi and its community.

Contact Mr. Sadler (Sadlerm@pcsb.org) if you have any questions. I will check our email periodically throughout the summer.