

POSNACK

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Incoming 8th Grade Students:

Students are required to read two books-one mandatory and one choice book.

Mandatory: *Chains* (if you have already read *Chains*, you may proceed and read the next in the Trilogy-*Forge* or *Ashes*) by Laurie Halse Anderson

Assignment:

Keep a journal that outlines 10 reactions you have to the incidents that occur in the story. Each reaction must be at least two sentences and must indicate the chapter to which you are reacting. Reactions must be from different chapters.

When we return to class, students will be asked to write a three-paragraph essay that stands as a final reflection to explain Sal's struggles and her inspirations to overcome them.

Book of Choice:

Choose from one of the following or a book of your choice. Students' own choice must be a book that has a minimum of 250 pages and age appropriate.

Assignment: Annotate your book according to the bulleted list below. Be prepared to conference with your teacher and discuss your annotations at the beginning of the school year.

- Character development
- Specific questions you may have about the book
- Figurative language (to include similes, metaphors, imagery, hyperboles ...)
- Vocabulary words that are unfamiliar to you.

Suggested Titles:

I Will Always Write Back - Caitlin Alifirenka

The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel - Michael Scott

The Book Thief - Marcus Zusak

The Selection – Kiera Cass

The Crossover - Kwame Alexander