

**ROSELLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL**  
**SUMMER READING Grade 9**

**SUMMER READING:**

**Honors Level Students:** Read *Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry. Complete a double entry reading log on the play. The log must be typed and submitted to turnitin.com in the fall. **There will be a test given on *Raisin in the Sun* within the first week of classes. This is a requirement!**

Synopsis: A Raisin in the Sun portrays a few weeks in the life of the Youngers, an African-American family living on the South Side of Chicago in the 1950s

**ACADEMIC and COLLEGE PREP CLASSES**

This is an optional assignment. Choose one book from the list. Complete a double entry reading log. Hand it in to your English teacher and receive ten points extra credit on your first test. This is NOT a requirement!!

**FICTION**

*Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs

Synopsis: As a kid, Jacob formed a special bond with his grandfather over his bizarre tales and photos of levitating girls and invisible bonus. Now at 16, he is reeling from a family tragedy that propels him on a journey to the remote Welsh island where his grandfather grew up. Ideal for anyone who likes mysteries and/or suspense novels. Write a summary and five reactions for every two chapters.

*Evermore* by Alyson Noel

Synopsis: Since a horrible accident claimed the lives of her family, sixteen-year-old Ever can see auras, hear people's thoughts, and know a person's life story by touch. Going out of her way to shield herself from human contact to suppress her abilities has branded her as a freak at her new high school, but everything changes when she meets Damen Auguste. Write a summary and five reactions for every four chapters.

*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

Synopsis: Classic Greek mythology is mixed with modern adventure in this brand-new, action-packed series. Twelve-year-old Percy is always in trouble, and it doesn't help that he's started seeing monsters everywhere! Things become clearer when Percy discovers he is the son of Poseidon, God of the Sea. Percy is sent to a summer camp on Long Island, but trouble starts all over again when Percy is sent on a quest to prevent war on Mount Olympus. Write a summary and five reactions for every three chapters.

**NON-FICTION**

***Uncommon Champions: Fifteen Athletes Who Battled Back*** by Marty Kaminsky

Synopsis: A collection of 15 short essays on athletes who have overcome various physical, mental and socioeconomic difficulties to excel in their chosen sports. Write a summary and five reactions for every two chapters.

***A Child Called "It"*** by David Pelzer - **Mature**

Synopsis: The autobiography of a young boy who undergoes both emotional and extreme physical abuse at the hands of his own mother. Write a summary and five reactions for every chapter.

***It Happened to Nancy*** by Beatrice Sparks - **Mature**

Synopsis: From the editor of *Go Ask Alice*, this is an anonymous diary filled with entries written by a fourteen-year-old girl whose search for love leads to her death by AIDS. Write a summary and five reactions for every thirty pages.

**Use the following abbreviations to create reactions based on the material that you read:**

- ⊙ **1. VIP-** Identify what you believe is a **Very Important Part** and explain why.
- ⊙ **2. Q-** Ask a **Question** about something that you do not understand.
- ⊙ **3. C-Comment.** Tell your thoughts and feelings about events/characters in the story.
- ⊙ **4. I-** Make an **Inference** (to draw a conclusion based on given information).
- ⊙ **5. BK- Background Knowledge.** Describe any knowledge you have about any topics discussed.
- ⊙ **6. T to T- Text to Text.** Compare this story to another that you have read.
- ⊙ **7. T to S –Text to Self.** Compare the events or characters to experiences that you have had.
- ⊙ **8. T to W- Text to World.** Compare the conflict or plot to issues that are described in the world.

**Summer Reading Response Journal Template**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level in September \_\_\_\_\_

**Be sure to cite page numbers as evidence. Remember that your journal must be typed as a Word document and submitted to Turnitin.com in the fall in order to receive credit.**

Chapter #, List and Summary of Events	Reader Reflections/Questions