

Summer Reading 2008 *Tangerine* and *Stargirl*

Book One: *Tangerine*

The Assignment: Please read the entire novel. As you read, highlight and take margin notes showcasing examples of symbolism and foreshadowing. After completing the novel, please **type** a response to each of the following questions:

1. Identify one example of symbolism from the novel. Identify what the object is, and then explain what it represents.
2. Identify one examples of foreshadowing from the novel. Identify each scene, and then describe how this scene was foreshadowed earlier in the novel.

Be sure to be as specific and detailed as possible. Identify the page number for each example. All answers should be typed in standard paragraph form, including the use of topic sentences, clear examples, and wrap up sentences. Each separate answer should be 6-8 sentences long.

Points Possible: 10

Due Date: Don't know. Be ready the first day.

Definitions:

Symbolism: a person or object that represents itself and a larger idea.

Foreshadowing: hints to upcoming events.

Book Two: *Stargirl*

The Assignment: Please read the entire novel, then **type** a paper about who the most significant character in the novel is. I'm leaving the directions vague, but I'd like you to put forth your best effort on this. As you read, highlight and take margin notes on significant scenes and quotes. We will be discussing the novel sometime during the first trimester, and it will benefit you greatly if you have already read it.

Points Possible: 20

Due Date: Don't know. Be ready the first day.

Final Thoughts:

1. Please don't freak out over all this. This is just a way for me to see how well you write and to get an idea of where to start the year.
2. We will be reading a lot of books this year, so please work on your reading speed as well as your comprehension. If we were reading these books in class, we'd spend about seven days reading *Tangerine* and about five days reading *Stargirl*.
3. There may or may not be a small test on each, so it might be a good idea to review prior to starting the year.
4. If you have any questions, drop me an email (mikeroberts@rhsm.org) sometime this summer. I'm not planning on checking it on a daily basis, but I will get back to you in a week or so.

Thanks, and have a great summer.
Mr. Roberts