

Pre-IB English 9  
Summer Reading 2010

Hello Pre-IB English 9 students!

Pre-IB English 9 promises to be a rigorous yet rewarding course. We hope you are looking forward to next year as much as we are. To prepare you for the course we would like you to complete the following summer reading assignments:

1. **Read *Ender's Game*.** You will be working with this text in class so having your own copy is preferable. Any edition of the novel is fine.
2. **Answer two of the following essay prompts**, as they pertain to *Ender's Game*. The prompts are modified IB Exam release questions and should be answered in 2 or 3 pages. Have your responses ready to hand in on the first day of school.
  - Say what the title indicated to you at the outset (i.e., before you even read a page). In what ways were your first impressions of the novels reinforced or altered as you read the novel?
  - "Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending." Discuss the above statement as it pertains to *Ender's Game*.
  - "Traditionally, the hero somehow represents the community and carries with him its hopes and fears." Consider to what extent and to what effect this statement is true for *Ender's Game*.

Enjoy your summer and take the time to do things you won't have time for once school starts again. The upcoming year will be a challenging one, but also rewarding and beneficial and, maybe at times, fun. Enjoy your summer assignments, taking time to do them well.

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