

HONORS 9

2019 -2020 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT



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All rising ninth grade honor students are required to read either *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman or *Matched* by Ally Condie. Amazon.com describes them as follows:

***Unwind* by Neal Shusterman**

In futuristic America, between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, a parent may choose to retroactively get rid of a child through a process called "unwinding." Unwinding ensures that the child's life doesn't "technically" end by transplanting all the organs in the child's body to various recipients. Now a common and accepted practice in society, troublesome or unwanted teens are able to easily be unwound.

With breathtaking suspense, this book follows three teens who all become runaway Unwinds: Connor, a rebel whose parents have ordered his unwinding; Risa, a ward of the state who is to be unwound due to cost-cutting; and Lev, his parents' tenth child whose unwinding has been planned since birth as a religious tithing. As their paths intersect and lives hang in the balance, Shusterman examines serious moral issues in a way that will keep readers turning the pages to see if Connor, Risa, and Lev avoid meeting their untimely ends

***Matched* by Ally Condie**

For Cassia, nothing is left to chance--not what she will eat, the job she will have, or the man she will marry. In *Matched*, the Society Officials have determined optimal outcomes for all aspects of daily life, thereby removing the "burden" of choice. When Cassia's best friend is identified as her ideal marriage Match it confirms her belief that Society knows best, until she plugs in her Match microchip and a different boy's face flashes on the screen. This improbable mistake sets Cassia on a dangerous path to the unthinkable--rebellious against the predetermined life Society has in store for her. As author Ally Condie's unique dystopian Society takes chilling measures to maintain the status quo, *Matched* reminds readers that freedom of choice is precious, and not without sacrifice.

JUMP START ASSIGNMENT: This assignment will prepare students for the content of the upcoming course. Material for this assignment will be reviewed during the first two weeks of school and will be assessed only after it is reviewed. Students who choose to get a jump start will benefit by reducing their workload over the first few weeks of the school year. The reading assignment should take between 5-10 hours.

Each student is expected to read either *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman or *Matched* by Ally Condie, and **bring a copy of the book to school on the first day of English class.** You will need your book for the first three to four weeks of school. We highly recommend that you buy your own copy so that you can highlight and write notes in the text as you read. A limited number of copies will be available for students to borrow at the front office of South Lakes High School over the summer.