

Dear Incoming English IV Students and Their Parents/Guardians:

In order to promote literacy and learning during the relaxing summer months, we, the faculty at District 117, ask that each student reads a book assigned by the English Department. Reading is the key to all academic success; therefore, the reading of this book will help prepare all students for their senior year in all subjects.

The book selected for incoming English IV students is *The Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Mary Pearson. The English Department selected this novel because it is a contemporary fiction piece that we believe will be both enjoyable and thought-provoking for students. We believe the students will find this book a captivating and informative read. Students will be responsible for having read this material when they start English IV in the fall.

1. As you read *The Adoration of Jenna Fox*, think about the following question:  
***To what extent should humans go to save a life?***
2. Keep a **double-entry quote log** in which you write down quotes from the novel that might help you answer the above question, along with their page numbers, on one side of your paper, and give a brief explanation of why the quote fits this question on the other side. These quotes should be meaningful, and you should have a **minimum of 12 quotes**: *4 from the first third of the novel, 4 from the middle third, and 4 from the last third.* The quote log should be typed. You will use these quotes later in class for activities with the book, and the **quote log will be turned in on the first day of the semester.**
3. Based on your understanding of the novel through your quote log, answer the question: ***To what extent should humans go to save a life?*** Come up with a thesis statement that answers this question. The thesis statement should contain an arguable or provable point. Type this thesis statement at the bottom of your quote log.

The quote log and thesis statement are due when students come to class on the first day. We will be sharing them in class and using them on subsequent days. The English IV teachers will begin discussing this book on the first day of class, so students must complete the reading, quote log, and thesis statement before the start of school and bring them on the first day of class.

We encourage parents and guardians to review the book selections with their children, read along with their students, and engage in discussion. Thank you for completing summer work and advancing your education. If you or your parent/guardian have any questions, please contact Kate Kiefer at [kkiefer@lakeseagles.com](mailto:kkiefer@lakeseagles.com) at LCHS or visit our school website. Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Lakes Community High School English IV Teachers