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Preparatory School

Summer 2021

Dear 9th Grade Parents,

This summer, the students heading into the 9th grade will be assigned *Dry* by Neal and Jarrod Shusterman. This book was chosen because the 9th grade will be exploring various aspects of Ecology and the impact of human activities on the environment will be talked about in Biology class.

The next page gives a very brief description of the book and provides instructions on the writing assignments that correspond to the book.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at mcohen@hilltopprep.org.

Sincerely,

Mike Cohen

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2021 9th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Book: Dry by Neal and Jarrod Shusterman

Summary:

“The drought – or the Tap-Out, as everyone calls it – has been going on for a while now. Everyone’s lives have become an endless list of don’ts: don’t water the lawn, don’t fill up your pool, don’t take long showers.

Until the taps run dry.

Suddenly, Alyssa’s quiet suburban street spirals into a warzone of desperation; neighbours and families turned against each other on the hunt for water. And when her parents don’t return and her life – and the life of her brother – is threatened, Alyssa has to make impossible choices if she’s going to survive.”

Instructions: The book is available at many area libraries. You can also purchase the book through Barnes and Noble or Amazon for a hard copy (\$8-15) or ebook (\$9.99). As you read *Dry*, keep note of important sections/quotes that you connect with and that you feel need to be discussed.

Please answer each of these in a paragraph. Each answer should have a topic sentence and four supporting sentences.

1. Using four examples from the book, describe how Alyssa showed perseverance and courage.
2. How did Kelton and others around him show leadership on their journey? Give four specific examples to explain what leadership traits were on display.
3. What is the major crisis happening in this book? What are 2 possible solutions to this problem OR what are 2 ways that this problem could have been prevented?
4. Identify three things you liked about the book and three things you didn’t like about the book and explain why.