

**Incoming Seventh Grade - English Language Arts - Mr. Brendan Moloney**  
**Summer Reading Assignment 2024**

Middle School English Language Arts class focuses on developing reading, writing, and grammar skills. To help prepare the students for a more literature based instruction in middle school, they must read **two books** over the summer months and complete an assigned **writing packet**. You may choose to either purchase a **paperback copy** or **iBooks copy** of the novels. Additional assessments will be given during the **first full week of school in September**.

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*Mandatory Reading:*

1. Code of Honor by Alan Gratz
2. Son by Lois Lowry

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Directions: Students must complete a Literary Analysis Essay activity on mandatory **book #1** and the Clever Connector activity on mandatory **book #2**. Please complete each activity on loose leaf paper with the proper school heading.

### **Literary Analysis Essay**

- **Introduction:** Explain the similarities and differences between the U.S. Marine Motto and the Code of Honor from the story.
- **Body Paragraph 1:** What does a code or motto do for Darius and Kamran (or the men and women) who fight for their country?
- **Body Paragraph 2:** How did Darius and Kamran apply their code to their individual lives?
- **Body Paragraph 3:** What code do you live by and how does it affect your daily life?
- **Conclusion:** How did living by an honor code influence the two brothers in the story? Explain and support your conclusion.

### **Clever Connector**

Your job is to find connections between the book and something else. The three main types of connections are:

- **Text-to-Text Connections:** Sometimes a story will make you think of another book, article, informational text, or primary source that you have read or heard about.
- **Text-to-Self Connections:** Sometimes a story will remind you about something that happened in your own life such as a birthday party, a vacation, a pet, a school event, etc. Sometimes, the text-to-self connection is about an event that happened in someone else's life such as an aunt, a friend, your pet, etc.
- **Text-to-World Connections:** Sometimes a story will make you think about something that is happening or has happened in the world.

**Task Requirements:** You will write a 5-7 sentence paragraph for each connection.