

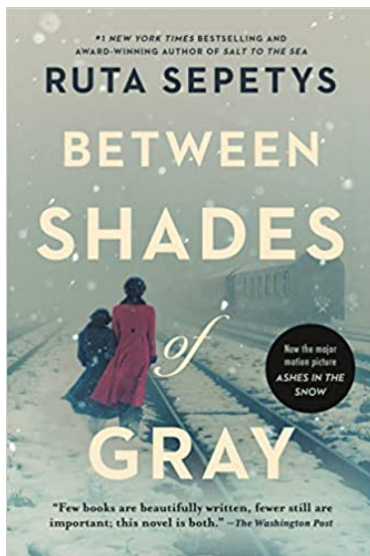
Dear Class of 2025,

I have heard many great things about this class, and I am excited to be your teacher. Next year, we will study the Middle Ages, world geography, systems of power, literature, poetry, and the writing process. I am especially excited to explore and learn alongside you about world cultures as they emerged in medieval times and continue to develop today.

This summer is meant for relaxation and rejuvenation. But we also want to keep flexing our brains, so there will be a few assignments to do before you return to the classroom.

- 1) Write a letter to me
- 2) Record notes based on the summer reading book, *Between Shades of Gray*
- 3) Choose your independent reading book and bring it to class the first day of school

Before I delve into the instructions for each of these assignments, you should know a few details about the summer reading book by Ruta Sepetys.



This work of historical fiction is based on true experiences in Lithuania in 1941. We often only hear about what was going on in Germany at this time or in other parts of the world affected by WWII. This novel provides a different perspective that helps us to further understand people's war-time experiences, including displacement, family separation, and survival.

Plan out how much you need to read each day or each week to finish reading the novel. For example, if the book is 340 pages long, plan on reading about 10 pages a day. Jot down brief notes immediately after completing each chapter, so that details remain fresh in your mind. Your notes per chapter can be 2-3 bullet points or sentences. Follow the attached directions and rubric.

Please read the novel and complete this [Google Doc](#) (assigned to you via gClassroom) which is due on the first day of school. This is your first graded assignment of 7th Grade; I encourage you to not leave it to the last minute.

Please plan to get your own copy of the summer reading book. If you have any trouble finding a copy in your local library, bookstore, or via Amazon, please email frontdesk@sfschool.org and they will help you. You must also identify an independent reading book before school resumes.

Please make sure you have both of these books with you on the first day of school, since we will be using them from day one for comprehension, discussion, and writing activities.

Have a great summer and may you find many moments to play, relax, and enjoy!

All my best,
Adele

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT DIRECTIONS

Writing expectation: Typed, 12 pt font, Times New Roman, double spaced
Email me at amadelo@sfschool.org if you have any questions about this summer assignment.

1. **Write a letter addressed to me.** Choose a photo and include it in the document. In your letter, tell me about what's going on in the frame of the picture (the picture the viewer sees). Be detailed in your description. Also describe what's going on outside the frame (what the viewer does not see). That is important context. The photographer chose to frame the photograph as they did. Just as important as what's in the frame is what's outside the frame. Also, what's your relationship with the photographer? (Minimum half a page to one page response)
2. **Take reading Notes for *Between Shades of Gray***; use this [Google Doc](#) (same link as on first page) to record your notes at the end of each **chapter**. **Jot down brief notes (2-3 bullet points or sentences).** I filled out the first row in the table, so you have a model. Note clues about the characters, important events, conflicts, impactful moments and any questions you might have about the plot.
3. **Select your first Independent Reading Book to be brought to school on the first day:** If there is a particular book that you are eager to read, find it at the library or your local bookstore. Bring it with you from day one; we will begin each day with independent reading. You will complete assignments and presentations on independent reading throughout the year. Keep in mind it must be a novel (not a graphic novel), and it should fall in one of the following genres: fantasy, biography, dystopia, mystery, or science fiction.

Summer Reading Assignment Rubric

<i>Between Shades of Gray</i> chapter notes	50
Independent Reading Book brought to school on the first day	10
<u>Letter Addressed to Adele</u>	<u>20</u>
Total	80