**Grades 9-10 Summer Reading Reader Response:**

**DO NOT SUMMARIZE THE PLOT OF THE BOOK.**

**MAKE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TEXT AND A CURRENT WORLD EVENT.**

Your job is to write an essay that shows that you:

* have closely read the book
* can make a connection between the book to a current world event using solid evidence from both the book and a news article about the current event

Think about the following questions as you prepare to write this reader response. You don’t need to include the answers to these questions in your paper, but they can help you organize your thoughts and decide what you’d like to write about in your response.

* What is the theme (the message) of the book?
* What is the author’s purpose in writing this text?
* How can you connect with the book through the plot, characters, conflict, and/or setting?
* What connection can you make between any part of the book to a current event in the world?

Format:

* Your response should be 250—500 words (about 1-2 typed, double-spaced pages).
* It should be typed and be in MLA format. See the links on the summer reading assignment page for help in formatting your response in MLA style.
* Email your response to the appropriate teacher (also on the summer reading assignment page).