

Ms. Ortega's English Class
Independent Reading Agreement

Students are required to read **at least one** book of choice each quarter and will be assessed by their English teacher. La Mirada High School practices independent reading school-wide, and we highly believe this will benefit the academic success of our students. The purpose of Independent Reading is to JUST READ! Students should read something they enjoy. Independent Reading is an **ongoing assignment**.

- * The book may NOT be a book you have read previously on your own or have read/are currently reading in a class
- * The book must be age-appropriate and APPROVED BY THE TEACHER before you begin reading it
- * You must have your parent/guardian's permission for each book - in which your chosen book meets with family values
- * You must have **finished** reading your book by the book test/assessment's due date (TBA).
- * You may book test late up to **one week** for HALF CREDIT. After one week, **no make-ups**.
- * You must be reading your book regularly at home (**2 to 3 hours a week**) and have it in class every day, unless told otherwise
- * Your book should have a **minimum of 150 pages per quarter** (with teacher approval). This may be 1 or 2 books combined, but you'll need to book test on **both** if you read two. You are encouraged to read more, if possible!
- * If your chosen book has a large amount of blank space/visuals (graphic novel, poetry, etc.) then the page requirement changes to **minimum 250 pages**.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS – PLEASE CHECK AND SIGN THAT YOU AGREE AND UNDERSTAND THE PROCEDURES FOR INDEPENDENT READING IN MY CLASSROOM.

- I TRUST MY CHILD'S JUDGMENT OF READING SELECTIONS; IF I WISH TO APPROVE THE BOOK, MY CHILD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASKING PERMISSION **BEFORE** GRANTED PERMISSION BY THE TEACHER.
- MY CHILD IS EXPECTED TO READ FOR PLEASURE **IN ADDITION** TO THE REQUIRED MATERIALS IN OUR CLASS CURRICULUM. INDEPENDENT READING IMPROVES LITERACY. INDEPENDENT READING WILL BE INCLUDED IN MY CHILD'S FINAL GRADE.
- MY CHILD IS EXPECTED TO COME TO CLASS WITH THE NECESSARY MATERIALS TO SUCCEED, WHICH INCLUDES BRINGING AN INDEPENDENT READING BOOK FOR PRODUCTIVE LEARNING **AND** FOR INDEPENDENT READING SESSIONS ON **FRIDAYS**
- IF MY CHILD BORROWS A BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY OR FROM THE TEACHER, HE/SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGED OR LOST ITEMS

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ PERIOD: _____

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