

Ninth Grade Summer Reading

- Read one of the following books: *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry, *Through Gates of Splendor* by Elisabeth Elliot, or *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells. You must choose one of these books that you have not read before.
- Write a five paragraph essay about the theme of your book. You should have an intro paragraph, conclusion paragraph, and three body paragraphs. Each body paragraph should include a quote from your book to support/illustrate your theme. Include a Works Cited page to cite your book.
- Be ready to take an AR quiz on this book on the first day of school.
- Have fun reading!!

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at aeastlake@mcaschool.net. I look forward to seeing you in August! :-)

Theme - the underlying message of a story; a belief about life that the author is trying to convey

Check out this website for a huge list of common themes in literature to help you start thinking about theme:

<https://literarydevices.net/a-huge-list-of-common-themes/>

Here is an example of a body paragraph with an in-text citation:

In *The Sign of the Beaver*, Matt was left alone at his family's cabin in the wilderness. He had to provide for himself to survive. "Instead, he went fishing, and he knew he ought to be grateful that the creek and the pond could provide all the food he needed" (Speare 19). He became a skilled hunter and food gatherer.

Here is an example of a Works Cited page with *The Sign of the Beaver* novel:

Works Cited

Speare, Elizabeth. *The Sign of the Beaver*. Sandpiper, 1983.

Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Date.

If you have questions about citing sources, please reference this website: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>