

Summer Homework for Incoming First-Year Students

Welcome to MB English! To help you get ready for the year ahead, you'll read two engaging novels and complete two writing tasks: one analytical and one creative. Don't worry — you don't need to finish everything in the first week of summer. Pace yourself, enjoy the stories, and take time to think and reflect.

Part 1: Read Two Novels

Novel Choices:

1. **The Outsiders** by S.E. Hilton
2. **The Giver** by Lois Lowry

While reading:

- Keep a short reading journal. After each chapter or reading session, write 3–5 sentences about something that stood out to you: a quote, a character's decision, a question, or something you related to.

Part 2: Analytical Writing

Choose one of the following questions and write a well-organised response (300–500 words):

- Compare how the main characters in the two novels respond to being different or feeling like outsiders.
- What does each novel teach us about growing up and making your own choices?

Use examples from both novels to support your ideas.

Part 3: Creative Writing – "A Window Into a World"

Your task is to write a short story (600–800 words) inspired by one of the following prompts:

Prompt A:

You wake up one morning to find that time has frozen — except for you. What do you do with this strange gift (or curse)?

Prompt B:

Write a story that begins with the sentence: "Nobody knew what was behind the old wooden door — until now."

Prompt C:

Describe a moment in your life (real or imaginary) when everything changed in an instant.

Guidance:

- Focus on character, setting, and building suspense or emotion.
- Try to "show" not "tell" — use vivid details and describe what your characters see, feel, and do.
- Give your story a clear structure: beginning, middle, and end.



Checklist for Submission

- Two books read
- Reading journal (10+ entries)
- Analytical writing task (typed or neatly handwritten)
- Creative writing story

Due date: The first week of school

Be ready to discuss your reading and share your creative ideas!