



RISING NINTH GRADE STUDENTS:

Required Reading: *The Book Thief*, by Marcus Zusak, which was on the New York Times Children’s Best Seller list for 105 weeks. You must come prepared to class for discussion and possible quiz on the book during the first week of school. In addition to the Required Book, read at least ONE other book and come prepared to give a “book talk” with the rest of the class. Use the form below to prepare your “book talk”.

Student Name _____

BOOK TALK – 8TH and 9TH GRADE

1. Book Title: _____

2. A _____ by _____
(Genre: for example, novel, biography, (author’s name)
science fiction, etc.)

3. What audience might be especially interested in this book?

4. In three sentences or less, summarize what the book is about:

5. What is the theme, or main idea, the writer is trying to get across?

6. Answer all of the following on the back side of this page:

- How does the setting impact the plot/theme/characters in the novel?
- Choose one character and quote that illustrate your personality and explain.
- How can the characters, plot, or conflict be generalized to society at large?

7. Would you encourage your friends to read this book? Tell why or why not.