

Summer Reading Assignment for Eighth Grade Book:

Under The Same Sky

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This assignment, which you will do over the summer as you read this book, should be brought with you the first day of school.

It will count as your first English grade of the year, so you want to get off to a good start and carefully follow the rubric enclosed with this letter.

As you read, keep a log. The log should be typed. Divide the book into four sections. You will then have a total of four entries in your reading log. Each entry should be typed as its own page and should include four parts about that particular section: The book's title and page numbers for that entry, character names and descriptions, a plot summary (ideas may be bulleted), thematic idea(s) with relevant quote(s) and page number(s).

Then combine the four total entries and put a cover sheet on top with the following information in order: your first and last name, book title & author, and "Eighth Grade Summer Reading English Assignment". On the final page, type & answer the questions from page 2 of this assignment guide.

Here is a sample entry:

Title and Pages: Under the Same Sky, - pages 1-27

Chapters 1 -3

Characters: List **all** characters introduced in the section you have just read. Do a brief description of each. Example below

- Character one – brief description
- Character two – brief description
- Character three – brief description

Plot: (The sequence of events in a story that achieve the theme.) Example: Joe wants a motorbike.....

Theme: (a main or unifying idea). Example: You have to work for what you want.

“I heard of minimum wage. It meant I’d be getting the absolute lowest wage it was legal to pay somebody.” (22)

Please type and answer these questions. At the end of each answer, cite the page number(s) in the book that supports your answer. Complete sentences must be used for your answers. This is the final page of the assignment.

1. What things happen in the book, that change Joe’s opinion about his friend, Randy?
2. Explain how Joe’s older sister, LuAnn, changes her opinion of her brother.
3. Do you think Luisa and the others made the correct decision in leaving Joe’s farm when threatened by the INS? Why or Why not?
4. What is the significance of the book’s title?
5. Cite an example of how Joe’s character changes or grows in this book?
6. Write your opinion on hiring migrant workers and/or illegal aliens in the United States.