

CCS Summer Reading Assignment

Rising 10th Grade Honors Students

Your assignment is to read the following novel and complete the essay prompt listed below.

Novel:

- *Into Thin Air* by: Jon Krakauer

Essay Prompt:

The adventurous tale found in *Into Thin Air* has a motif, a prominent and repeated idea, of leadership and teamwork running throughout. In a well-organized essay, analyze the importance of leadership and teamwork versus individual achievement.

Keep in mind, your essay:

- must be at least 5 paragraphs in length (introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion). You may have more than 5 if you see fit.
- must include a thesis statement, which succinctly expresses your main argument. Your thesis should be based on the essay prompt and should include your 3 main points.
- must give at least 6 specific textual examples, which support your thesis – 2 minimum per body paragraph
- should be free of grammatical and spelling errors. Upload your essay to [grammarly.com](https://www.grammarly.com) prior to turning it in.
- must be in MLA format (typed, 12 point Times New Roman, double-spaced, with a proper heading)

Please note:

Your responses should be 100% your own. You may not reference the internet or any other source outside of your brain in answering the prompt. To do so would be plagiarism and will result in no extra credit.

This is a REQUIRED assignment. Students must complete this assignment in order to qualify for honors. The completed assignment and summer reading pledge are due to the Language Arts teacher on the first day of school.

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Name: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

- I have read this entire book.
- I have never read this book before this summer.
- No one has helped me in the preparation of the summer reading assignment.

Student Signature

Date

- My student has completed the CCS summer reading assignment.

Parent Signature

Date