

# ***Rising Ninth Grade Honors Literature***

## **Chattahoochee High School Summer Reading 2019**

Please read both of the following texts prior to the first day of school:

1. *Warriors Don't Cry* by Melba Pattillo Beals

Following the landmark 1954 Supreme Court ruling *Brown v. Board of Education*, Melba Pattillo became a warrior on the front lines of a civil rights firestorm. *Warriors Don't Cry* is her autobiographical account of the integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957. This book explores ideas as justice, identity, and choice.

2. *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer

This science fiction young adult novel set in the future mostly takes place in Opium, a country which separates Aztlán (formerly Mexico) and the United States. The main character Matteo, or Matt, Alacrán, is a young clone of a drug lord of the same name, usually called "El Patrón." It is a story about the struggle to survive as a free individual and the search for a personal identity.

As you read, please take notes about the setting, plot, characters, themes, and significant quotations of each novel. This can be done in a composition book, on notebook paper, or in the novels themselves if you choose to purchase them. Your notes will help you prepare and review for your assessment.

### **Summer Reading Assessment**

During the first week of school, you will be expected to complete a multiple-choice and essay component assessment covering several areas of the two texts – setting, plot, characters, important concepts, and themes. This assessment will help us evaluate your reading comprehension skills, analysis skills, and writing skills, which will be critical to your success in this challenging course. We will discuss how to write an in-class essay during your first week of school, and we will spend some initial class time on activities related to the texts, but we will discuss neither text in depth prior to the assessment. For now, keep the assessment in mind as you take notes so that your notes will be useful for review.

If you have questions about the summer reading assignment, please email any of the following teachers:

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