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Dear Students Entering Language Arts 8 and Language Arts 8 ESL in September of 2018,

Summer is a wonderful time to read without the pressure of time! The English Department asks you to take advantage of this relaxing time to fulfill one of the requirements for next year's LA8/LA8 ESL classes.

Part 1

Please read the novel *The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins. Break up your reading of the novel into four (4) sections: Chapters 1-6, Chapters 7-11, Chapters 12-20, Chapters 21-27. After you read each section, select one passage from the chapters that you think is important for study, copy it down in quotation marks with the page number, and briefly explain why you think this passage is important.

You must therefore select and analyze four passages! Try to focus your passages and analysis on literary aspects of the novel. These may include character development, plot development, secondary characters, figurative language, setting, foreshadowing, suspense, conflict. Avoid a plot summary!

* If you have already read *The Hunger Games*, you can read another novel in the trilogy, which includes *Mocking Jay* and *Catching Fire*. If you have read these as well, please suggest another novel you would like to read. This needs to be approved by Mr. Zervas (zervasb@acs.gr) by July 1st via email.

Part 2

- 1) Identify the protagonist in the book and select evidence from the novel that best reveals his or her personality. When using quotes or paraphrasing make sure the page number is included, and briefly explain what the evidence shows the reader.
- 2) Identify a theme from the novel. Explain how it is brought out in the novel through events in the plot, and make a real world connection. (You are not required to use examples from your personal life.)

***All of your work for Part 1 & 2 must be typed in a Google Doc and shared with zervasb@acs.gr.**

Part 3

In a notebook write three journal entries (1-2 paragraphs) on any topic: summer adventures, personal reflection, people, places, ideas, observations or questions. Be prepared to hand in this assignment in print form to your Language Arts 8 teacher during the first week of school in September of 2018. You will also be required to upload this assignment on www.turnitin.com when your LA8 account is set up in September.

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The option to check out the novel from the ACS Athens bookstore is available to all students. To check out your own copy, a deposit of 5.50 Euros must be paid to the Cashiers Office. Afterwards, take your receipt to the bookstore to pick up your copy. Once the book is returned, in the fall, the deposit will be fully reimbursed. This is an excellent opportunity to read the first of a trilogy. If you find this novel interesting you may wish to further your reading with: *Mocking Jay* and *Catching Fire*. (These titles are not currently available in the book store.) Also, feel free to access the Middle School's "Summer Reading List" on the ACS Athens website for more recreational reading options.

Best wishes for a pleasant summer! Happy Reading!

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