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To prepare for ELA in Grade 9, you are required to independently read two books during the summer. Select one of the books from the list below and your second book is a book of your choice. Selections must be grade level appropriate and must not currently be a movie or graphic novel.

Select one book from the following list:

*For One More Day*, Mitch Albom  
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, Sherman Alexie  
*The Pearl*, John Steinbeck  
*The Old Man and the Sea*, Ernest Hemmingway  
*Bronx Masquerade*, Nikki Grimes  
*That Was Then, This is Now*, S.E Hinton  
*Go Set a Watchman*, Harper Lee

Complete the reading for understanding questions (RFU) listed below for each of the books you read. The completed questions will be used to construct an essay and an oral presentation for the books you selected. It is essential that you complete the **RFU** questions. They will be used as a guide for completing your presentation and essay upon returning to school in September.

## Reading for Understanding (RFU) Worksheet I:

<b>Book Title:</b>	<b>Genre:</b>	<b>Book Length (pages):</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Grade: 9</b>	

*My understanding of the book was...*    Excellent        Mostly understood it    Somewhat understood it

*What was the main theme or message of the book? What message or lesson do you think the author was trying to convey to readers? (Support your ideas with details from the story.)*

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*Identify and describe the setting of the story. Where and when did the story take place?*

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*The turning point (climax) in the story was when...*

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*At the end of the story...*

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*What about the book struck you most? Think about how the book surprised you or elicited an emotional reaction or got you thinking about something that you weren't considering when you started reading the book.*

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*Review: Did you enjoy this book? Discuss what you liked about the book. Also, include comments (if any) about elements of the book you did not like or could have been improved upon.*

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**Would you recommend this book to a friend? Explain why or why not.**

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