

Charles E. Shea High School
Grade 9 AS Genre Studies (Honors)

A Summer Read and Response

As important as the reading is, your response to that reading will determine if you are college ready at this time in your high school career. You will be assigned **several** novels. During the summer vacation please read the books below.

You will have a comprehensive exam when you return to school.
The exam will include:

- identifications (characters, setting, plot, literary elements and devices)
- short answer responses
- a comparative essay

You may want to keep a journal for each book as you read to help review for the exam. We will be discussing the books the first two days of school in case you have any questions that need clarification.

This summer reading activity demonstrates your willingness to be in the class and counts for a significant part of your grade (15%).

Required Readings:

Title

Author

Children of the River

Linda Crew

The Secret Life of Bees

Sue Monk Kidd

Buried Onions

Gary Soto