

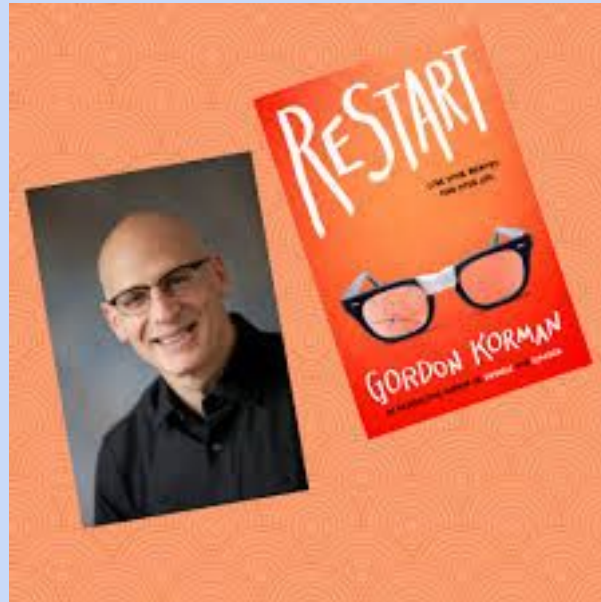


Summer Reading Assignments

June 2019

Every year, our middle school shares a reading experience.

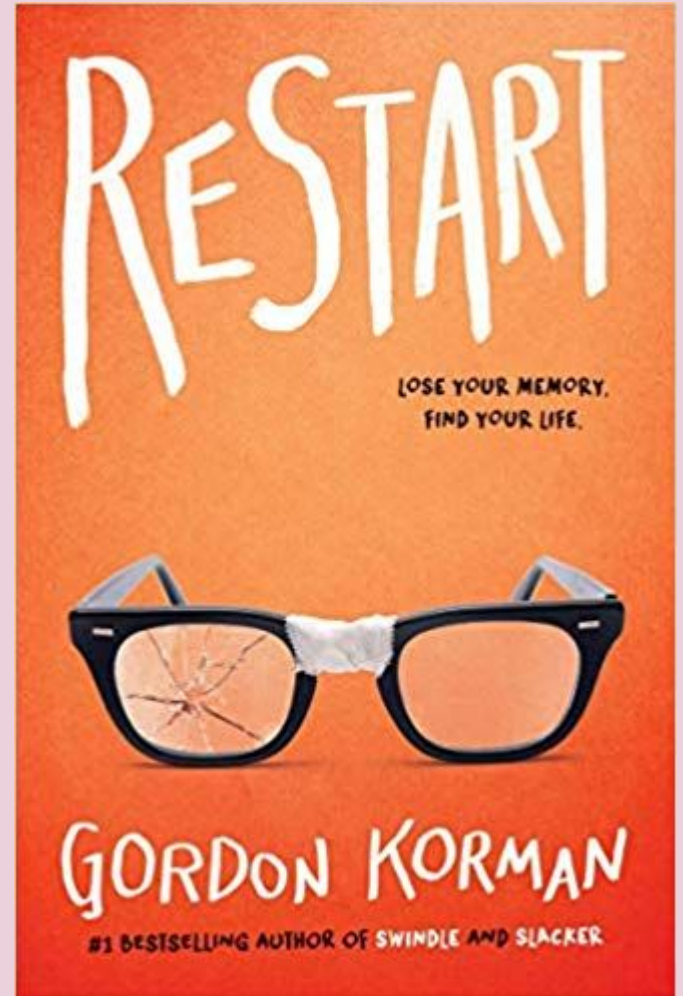
We read a common novel and then have the opportunity to meet the author!



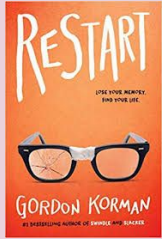
Required: Grade 6

This year we will all be reading....

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Grade 6 Activity choices:



1. ***Restart*** by Gordon Korman

- All students must read *Restart* and complete the COurse of Action Assignment .




2. Required options: (Choice of one)

- **Required Option A:** *The Transall Saga* by Gary Paulsen
- **Required Option B:** *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Activity for *Restart*: Grade 6:

Constructed Response - Course of Action
Explain what course of action you would take if you were in Chase's situation with no memories of the past. Why would this be a more effective course than the course that Chase chose?

Chase's Actions	Your Actions



6th Grade Choice:



Option A: *The Transall Saga* by Gary Paulsen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8si9ONI2mo>

An adventurous boy named Mark is transported through time to a strange and dangerous world where he encounters friendships but also faces violence and war as he struggles to survive and tries to understand this puzzling new world.



Option B: *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

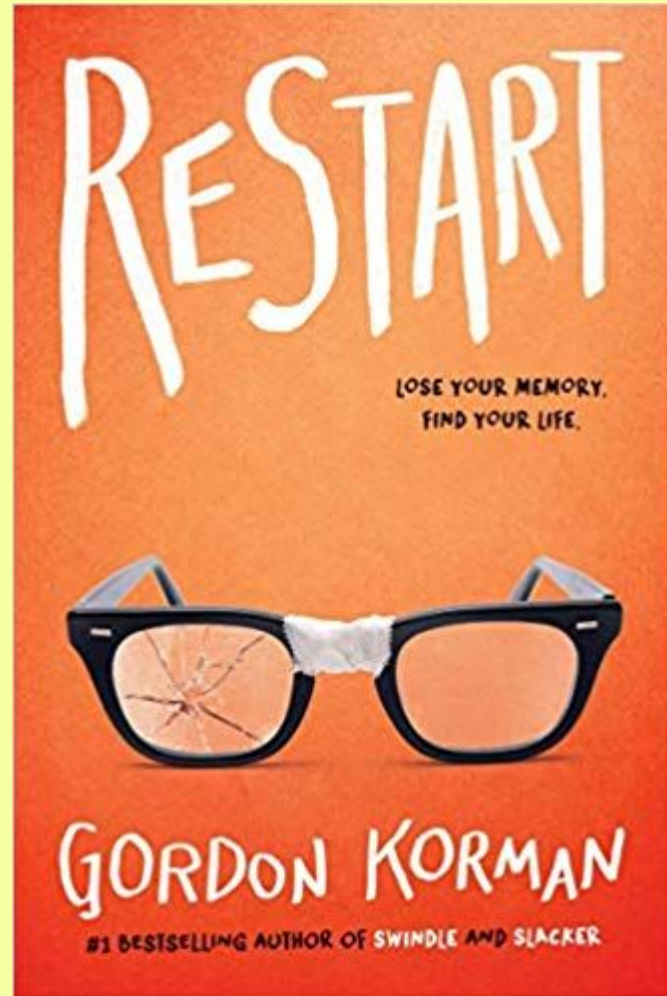
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMB_bJRmxAM

A young girl, Esperanza (meaning “hope”), lives with her wealthy family in Mexico. She is just about to celebrate her birthday when suddenly her family’s plantation is attacked, and she and her mother must flee to America. They become farm workers and use their strength, determination, and imagination to make a living and regain their happiness.

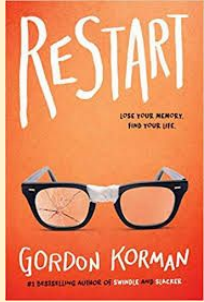
Required Grade 7

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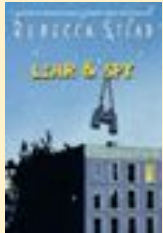


Grade 7 Activity choices:



Restart by Gordon Korman

- All students must read *Restart* and complete attached assignment.



Choice of either novel and complete the attached assignments.


- *Liar and Spy* by *Rebecca Stead*
- **Gregor the Overlander** by **Suzanne Collins**



Activity for *Restart*: Grade 7

Constructed Response - Course of Action
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Chase's Actions	Your Actions




Activity for *Restart*: Grade 7

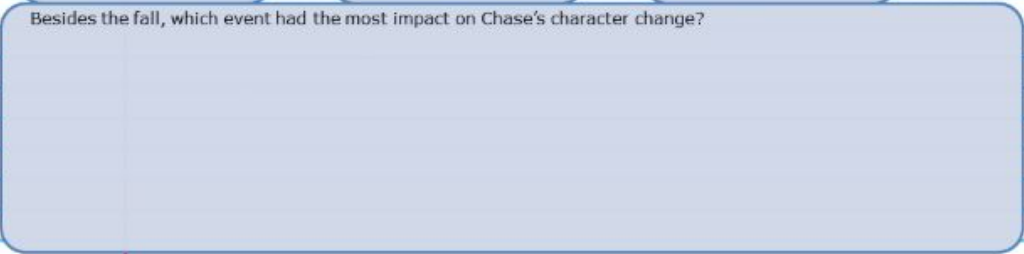
Constructed Response - Character Change

How does Chase change in the novel *Restart*?

Beginning	Middle	End
		



Besides the fall, which event had the most impact on Chase's character change?




Activity for *Restart*: Grade 7

Constructed Response - Character Change

How does Shoshanna change in the novel *Restart*?

Beginning	Middle	End




Which event had the most impact on Shoshanna's character change?

Activity for *Restart*: Grade 7

Constructed Response - Character Change

How does Joel change in the novel *Restart*?

Beginning	Middle	End

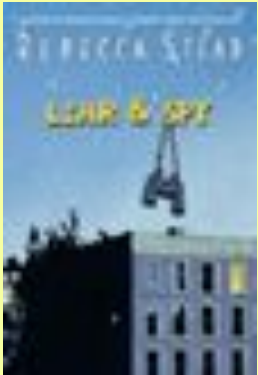


Which event had the most impact on Joel's character change?

Seventh Grade Choice Novel #1:

Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqUBVDI-6wc>



Twelve-year old Georges is intrigued with a boy in his apartment building who claims to be a spy, but Georges makes a startling discovery when the two launch a spy mission against a seemingly notorious Mr. X.

Georges, named for the nineteenth-century French painter Georges Seuret, is in the seventh grade when his father loses his job. His mother works double shifts as a nurse, but the family has to give up their house in Brooklyn and moves to an apartment. To makes matters worse, Georges loses his best friend to the “cool crowd,” and his classmates constantly tease him about his name. Things are looking dim for Georges until he meets twelve- year old Safer, a boy in his apartment building who claims to be an expert spy. Safer convinces Georges that Mr. X, a neighbor who wears all black and carries a suitcase, is up to something evil. When the boys embark on a spy mission, Georges uncovers a mystery, but it has nothing to do with Mr. X. It’s what his mother calls “being the big picture.”

Seventh Grade Choice Novel #2:

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwMsvpHzixM>



With the release of the *Hunger Games* trilogy, Suzanne Collins has become a favorite author for young people and adults. In her first fantasy novel, she tells an extraordinary tale of an eleven-year-old boy living in present day New York City who is chosen to save the Underlanders, a world of people who have lived for hundreds of years below the Earth's surface. Quiet, practical, and humble, Gregor has never imagined himself as a hero, but when he is entrusted to lead a quest in the Underland, he rises to the occasion.