



Mrs. Reed
ENG 11
2017-18 Summer Reading

Greetings! I wish you all a happy and safe summer vacation. Get out of the classroom, and enjoy fresh air.

Please read (and enjoy) our selected novel (*Little Princes*) over the summer. Be prepared to discuss it in August. There will not be a writing assignment due upon return to school (yay!). HOWEVER, when we come back in August, we will take a comprehension test to ensure that you read the novel, and we will spend the first week of school discussing this novel. After we have analyzed this novel, the class will be given an essay test over core concepts.

You may use a hard or electronic copy of the novel. If you use an electronic copy, please know that cell phones will NOT be allowed in the classroom. I recommend purchasing this novel online through Amazon for best prices.

I suggest that you take notes as you read. Underline parts that you think are interesting or confusing, write questions, and annotate passages. If you do not feel comfortable writing in your book, jot down these notes in a notebook. Bring thoughts and questions about the novel to class in August. Be prepared to talk about the novel!

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE SUMMER TO BEGIN READING.

Book information:

Little Princes (Conor Grennan)

In search of adventure, 29-year-old Conor Grennan traded his day job for a year-long trip around the globe, a journey that began with a three-month stint volunteering at the Little Princes Children's Home, an orphanage in war-torn Nepal.

Conor was initially reluctant to volunteer, unsure whether he had the proper skill, or enough passion, to get involved in a developing country in the middle of a civil war. But he was soon overcome by the herd of rambunctious, resilient children who would challenge and reward him in a way that he had never imagined. When Conor learned the unthinkable truth about their situation, he was stunned: The children were not orphans at all. Child traffickers were promising families in remote villages to protect their children from the civil war—for a huge fee—by taking them to safety. They would then abandon the children far from home, in the chaos of Nepal's capital, Kathmandu.

For Conor, what began as a footloose adventure becomes a commitment to reunite the children he had grown to love with their families, but this would be no small task. He would risk his life on a journey through the legendary mountains of Nepal, facing the dangers of a bloody civil war and a debilitating injury. Waiting for Conor back in Kathmandu, and hopeful he would make it out before being trapped in by snow, was the woman who would eventually become his wife and share his life's work.

Little Princes is a true story of families and children, and what one person is capable of when faced with seemingly insurmountable odds. At turns tragic, joyful, and hilarious, *Little Princes* is a testament to the power of faith and the ability of love to carry us beyond our wildest expectations.

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