

English 7 Summer Reading 2018-2019

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Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

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Book Review Template:

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2nd paragraph - Summarize what happens in the novel up until the high point (climax). Do not give away the ending. Your review should inspire others to want to read the book. Be sure to use transitions in your summary.

3rd paragraph - Give your opinion of the novel. (Remember not to use the pronoun "I.") Consider the following when giving your opinion: Was the novel confusing? Was it easy to read or too hard? Was it predictable/believable? What connections did you make to your life? Give details and examples to support your opinion.

4th paragraph - Provide your recommendation for the novel. Explain whether you would recommend this novel to a fellow student or not. Rate the novel from 1 star (bad) to 5 stars (amazing!!), and provide examples as to why you gave it that rating.

** Examples should be quotations from the novel or a short summary of the part that you are discussing.**

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- 12 point font
- 1" margins
- 4 paragraphs (min. 5 sentences each)
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