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Grade 7 Summer Reading

2026-2027 School Year

Welcome to 7th Grade, HSS Class of 2028! The required reading will be our first novel we will be analyzing for the year. There will not be a “project” for the novel, but rather working documents that will prepare you for the writing and discussions we will be having when we are back in school this September.

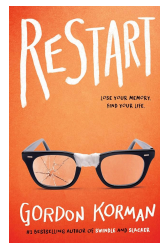
Please join the Google classroom for ELA. I will have a copy of the summer reading papers posted there, but the assignment is to be hand-written on a printed copy. *No typed work will be accepted.*

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Our first novel of the year:

Restart

By Gordon Korman



This novel has been read in 7th grade at Holy Spirit School for the past few years. It is an easy to read story about a middle school boy, named Chase, who is given a second chance after falling off of his roof and getting amnesia. He learns about who he was and decides who he wants to be. The past students have enjoyed this story about Chase and his group of friends.

. We hope you will, too!

See you in September!

Mrs. Picioccio and Mrs. Sutherland

Pre-Read: *Restart*



Author's Name: _____

Publisher: _____

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About the Author:

Go to <https://gordonkorman.com/>

and find out more information about the author and what he has written.

Gordon Korman

- Born on _____ in _____
- Published his first novel in the _____ grade
- First novel was called _____
- Went to college at _____
- Lives in _____ with his family
- Look in "THE BOOKS" section of his website. What are three books of his that you think look interesting to read?

Now look at the back of your novel. Read it.

Your thoughts about this book:

Are you looking forward to reading this book? Why or why not?

Restart: Characters



Character	Traits Internal and External	Sketch What do you think they look like?
Chase Ambrose		
Shoshanna Weber		

Brendan Espinoza		
Kimberly Tooley		
Aaron Hakimian		
Joel Weber		
Bear Bratsky		
Mr. Solway		

Restart: Figurative Language



Figurative language is used throughout the text. Write down the page numbers where you find examples of figurative language as you read.

Simile: A comparison of two unlike things using <i>like</i> or <i>as</i>	Metaphor: A comparison of two unlike things
Personification: Giving human characteristics to nonhuman things	Idiom: An expression that means something different than its literal meaning

Hyperbole: Extreme exaggeration	Onomatopoeia: A word that sounds like the noise it describes
Allusion: A reference to a person, event, or place from a literary work, history, art, or popular culture	Other:

Why do you think authors use figurative language in their writing? How does it make a difference?

Restart: Thought Questions

As you read, answer the questions below. Please notice that each chapter is told from that person's point of view. The name of the chapter is the person who is telling that part of the story.

Chapters 1-2:

Question	Response
What clues are we given about Chase and his former life?	
It's easy to take for granted how many things are unique to each of us. Chase doesn't remember his family's car, his favorite clothes, or what sports he likes to play. Which of these forgotten memories was most shocking to you? What do you think would be hardest to forget?	
Chase is taken aback by the picture on his phone. Why might that picture have been upsetting or confusing to Chase? What does it infer?	
In the beginning of Chapter 2, what new clues do we have about Chase's life before the accident?	
How would your reaction to Chase have been different if Shoshanna's chapter came before Chase's?	
How do you feel about how Chase's bullying of Joel was handled? Could more have been done to stop it? Should Joel have been sent away?	

Chapters 3-6:

Question	Response
Why is Chase's mother sympathetic, but not surprised, when Chase tells her about what happened with the frozen yogurt?	
What do we learn about how Bear, Aaron, and Chase were perceived by others at the school?	
What advice does Dr. Fitzwallace give Chase and what does it tell us about Chase before the accident?	
How does Brendan feel about Chase before he comes over to sit with him?	
What do Brendan's actions at the table say about his character?	
"I'm definitely famous at Hiawasse Middle. The part I can't figure out is whether I'm famous <i>good</i> or famous <i>bad</i> ." What does this quote from Chase mean?	
What differences do you notice between Chase and Aaron and Bear (after the accident)?	
Why did the manager at the car wash come out screaming at Chase instead of Brendan?	
What is the Graybeard Motel, and why do Aaron, Bear, and Chase go?	

Chapters 7-10

Question	Response
When Brendan shows his video, "How To Clean Your Tricycle", everyone loves it- until they see the end. What upsets everyone at the end of the video?	
Does Joel like being at Melton? How do you know?	
Why do you think Joel feels angry and depressed when he hears that Chase has amnesia?	
Describe the relationship between Helene and Chase. How has it changed since the accident?	
How is Chase different from Aaron and Bear at the assisted living facility?	
Who is Mr. Solway? What does Chase learn about him?	
What does the incident with Mrs. Swanson reveal about the three boys?	
Why did Chase fight with Joey Petronus?	

Chapters 11-15:

Question	Response
What do Mr. Solway and Chase have in common?	
Who do you think the girl in the blue dress is? What makes you think that?	
How does Mr. Solway change once Chase and Shoshanna start visiting him for their project?	
What does Chase's dad want him to do?	
"He's like a version 2.0 of himself with all the bad stuff written out of the programming." Explain this quote. Who is it about and what does it mean?	
What does Brendan do to try to impress Kimberly?	

Chapters 16-20:

Question	Response
Did Shoshanna's mom overreact? Is Shoshanna disrespecting her family by being friends with Chase?	
How do you think Joel felt returning to Hiawassee Middle School? If you were Joel, would you have wanted to come home or stay at Melton? Why?	

Do you think we should give people a second chance? Which characters seem willing to give Chase a second chance? Which characters do not want to give Chase a second chance?	
What do you think about what happened in the music room? How would you feel if you were Chase? How would you feel if you were Brendan?	

Chapters 21-24:

Question	Response
Do you agree with what Chase said in Dr. Fitzwallace's office? Why do you think he did what he did?	
Chase seems to have changed for the better throughout the novel, but one member of his family hasn't. Who is this character and how is he different from how the new Chase wants him to be?	
What evidence do we have that Joel is changing and becoming stronger? Cite the evidence with a quote and page number.	
"Well, a leopard never changes his spots." (p. 179) What does Shoshanna mean and about whom is she speaking? Explain how that quote relates to the character and why she is saying that now.	

How does the relationship between Chase and Aaron/Bear change in Chapter 23? How do Aaron and Bear react to Chase? How does Chase choose to respond?	
“As I run, hot tears of shame are streaming down my face. Since my accident, I have heard a lot about the person I used to be. Never did I imagine this.” (p. 191) Who is speaking and what does this mean?	

Chapters 25-30:

Question	Response
What happened when Aaron and Bear confronted Chase at the Portland Street Assisted Living Facility?	
Is it always easy to do the right thing? Do you think Chase was worried about the consequences of doing the right thing? What would you have done in that situation?	
What surprises Chase when he enters the courtroom?	
Which testimony was the most persuasive to prove to the judge that Chase was a different person? Cite evidence.	
Do you think people like Chase deserve a do-over or a second chance?	