

Hello Incoming 6th Graders!

I am beyond excited to have you as students in my classroom in the Fall. Middle school is a very big transition, but I promise that I will help you along the way to ensure that you will be as successful as you possibly can.

This summer, I am going to ask you to read *Restart by Gordon Korman*. The novel is about Chase Ambrose, a middle school football star, who loses his memory after a fall. After waking up in a hospital, he must re-learn his life, including figuring out who he was and the different ways people react to him. He discovers that he was a bully, and now, after his accident, he has to decide whether he wants to be who he used to be or become a better person

While you are reading, I want you to pay special attention to any details in the novel that stand out to you. Take notes on the novel you read either in a notebook or within the margins of your book if you own your novel.

Attached is the Summer Work you will be completing in addition to your reading and annotating. You will complete the attached overview profile for *Restart*.

Please make a copy of this document and type directly into the Overview Profiles with your responses. **PRINT OUT** the document and bring it with you for the first day of school (You do not need this page)!

I'm so thrilled to experience everything with you next year!

- Mrs. LeMieux

Overview Profile: *Restart*

Please answer the following questions in complete sentences. Each question will require a **minimum** of three sentences each. Many of them require a full paragraph response, so be thorough in your answers :)

Setting: Describe the place and time period the story takes place in

Point of View: What point of view is the story told in (first person, second person, third person)? What evidence from the text lets you know this?

Main Characters: Identify the four main characters in the novel. For each character, give a description of their physical traits as well as their personalities. Let me know who they are as people.

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Conflict: Describe the main conflict the characters face in the story. Who is the antagonist they face? What struggles do they encounter?

Main Events: Identify and describe three significant events from the story.

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Resolution: Describe the ending of the story. Was everything resolved, or are we left with any problems? What happened to the main characters?

Transformation: How are the characters different at the end of the novel than they were in the beginning? Select two of the main characters and describe the way they were at the beginning of the novel versus the way they are at the end.

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Theme: What was a major theme of the novel? What did you learn and take away from it? Explain the ways the author showed this to you.

Response to Literature (RTL): Each character in the novel had a specific approach to the way they learned. Which of these characters' approach to learning is the most similar to yours?

This response requires **two paragraphs**. In the first paragraph, select one character and describe the way they learned best. Give evidence from the text to support your answer. In the second paragraph, explain how the way you learn is similar to the way your selected character does.