

### Readings

*Nothing but the Truth (and a Few White Lies)* by Justina Chen Headley (ISBN-13: 9780316011280) (Everyone reads this book.)

Please choose one of the following as your second reading assignment:

*Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult (ISBN: 0345544951)

*Red Scarf Girl* by Ji-Li Jiang (ISBN: 0439063000)

*Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers (ISBN: 0590409433)

**All work is due no later than  
Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.**

### Assignments

#### Part 1

*Nothing but the Truth (and Few White Lies)*

- 1) Read the book in its entirety. Take notes and/or highlight information as it relates to the following themes: Coming of Age, Facing Adversity, Awakening and Action, and Finding Your Voice
- 2) Complete the Novel Themes Chart using your reading notes. (attached)
- 3) Find a quote in the book that YOU think sums up the message or gives you an understanding of what the characters are thinking/feeling. Make a connection with the text!
- 4) Find a quote (from any other source and be sure to cite it) that applies to the idea of TRUTH.  
\*Quotes will be shared and discussed during Seminar Sessions.\*

#### Part 2

**For your book of choice** (from the above list of three), complete the following:

- 1) Read the book in its entirety. Take notes and/or highlight information as it relates to the following themes: Coming of Age, Facing Adversity, Awakening and Action, and Finding Your Voice
- 2) Complete the Novel Themes Chart using your reading notes.
- 3) **Write 3-5 questions** that will be turned in (no later than Friday 8/17) and used for Seminar (on Wednesday 8/22). Questions should address character development, character change, plot twists, plot development, themes, and any other questions you have as a reader. Do not write questions that only the author can answer. **The idea is to write questions that you would like for the other students to answer and discuss.**

### Important Dates

Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>: First Day of School – all work accepted!

Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>: Seminar Discussion for ***Nothing But the Truth*** (NBT); all work is due – no exceptions!

Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>: Written “test” for NBT

Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>: Novel Groups Seminar for chosen books.

I’m looking forward to next school year! Be ready to read a lot, write even more, and discuss more than ever!

~Mrs. Ehlers ☺

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## Novel Themes Response Chart (English 9AA)

**Directions:** Directions: Use the chart to document evidence for each of the themes listed. Please cite page numbers and key words as your evidence (also have it marked in your book – highlighted or with a sticky note).

	<b>Coming of Age</b>	<b>Adversity</b>	<b>Awakening &amp; Action</b>	<b>Finding your Voice</b>
<i>Nothing But the Truth</i>				
<i>Small, Great Things</i>				
<i>Red Scarf Girl</i>				
<i>Fallen Angels</i>				