



# ORIGINS HIGH SCHOOL EST. MMXIII

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### Origins High School 9th Grade Summer Assignment: ELA

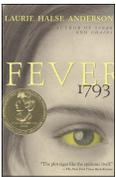
Greetings and welcome to Origins High School! 9th grade ELA will focus primarily on strengthening reading habits, writing arguments, and supporting claims with textual evidence. Along the way, we will focus on reflection, perspective, and questioning as we prepare for 10th grade.

This summer we would like you to **read a novel of your choice** (some recommendations are below) and **write a one-page perspective argument**. For this assignment, we will define *perspective* as *the way someone looks at the world around them*. The argument will be based on your current event choice from your US History and Government summer assignment.

Your paper should answer the question ***What would the main character of my story think about this current event?*** You should use at least three quotations from your book to support your opinion, and please cite page numbers. This paper will be due during the second week of school.

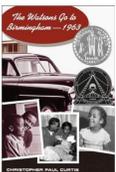
If you have any questions over the summer, please reach out to [dfarrell@originshighschool.org](mailto:dfarrell@originshighschool.org). I am excited to meet you and looking forward to challenging you and seeing you succeed this fall.

### Some summer reading recommendations from last year's 9th graders include:



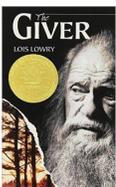
**Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson** - During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out. Disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down. At her feverish mother's insistence, Mattie flees the city with her grandfather. But she soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere, and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease.

*Recommended if you enjoy: sarcastic and funny narrators, action, suspense, historical fiction*



**The Watsons Go to Birmingham--1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis** - Enter the hilarious world of ten-year-old Kenny and his family, the Weird Watsons of Flint, Michigan. There's Momma, Dad, little sister Joetta, and brother Byron, who's thirteen and an "official juvenile delinquent." When Momma and Dad decide it's time for a visit to Grandma, Dad comes home with the amazing Ultra-Glide and the Watsons set out on a trip like no other. They're heading South. They're going to Birmingham, Alabama, toward one of the darkest moments in American history.

*Recommended if you enjoy: a mix of funny and serious, historical fiction, unexpected endings*



**The Giver by Lois Lowry** - Jonah's world is perfect. Everything is under control. There is no war or fear or pain. There are no choices. Every person is assigned a role in the Community. When Jonas turns twelve, he is singled out to receive special training from The Giver. The Giver alone holds the memories of the true pain and pleasure of life. Now is the time for Jonas to receive the truth. There is no turning back.

*Recommended if you enjoy: rebellious narrators, science fiction, suspense*