

**English I – Freshman English**  
**SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT**

Required Reading:

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Choice Reading: Students must read one of the three books listed below.

*Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

*Life as We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer

All students are expected to read *The Book Thief*. In addition, they must read a second book: *Ender's Game*, or *Life as We Knew It*. Students will be held responsible for these works on the first day of class. For each novel, the student will complete an Analysis Chart (attached) to be turned in on the first day of school. There will be a test over these books on the first day of school with which students may use their charts, so make sure that they are complete. Teachers will check all written work for plagiarism.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **ANALYSIS CHART**

*Directions: Complete the following chart for each of the novels that you read over the summer. Please use this chart as your guideline. **You may fill in the chart with handwriting, or you may type the information on a separate document. Make sure that your answers are complete.***

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Characters:** (List all the major characters, and briefly describe each one.)

**Setting:**

**Main Events/Plot:** (List and explain/describe.)

**Conflict/Problems:** (List and explain/describe.)

**Climax:** (Identify and describe the most exciting or dramatic point of the novel.)

**Resolution:** (Explain how problems or issues are solved after the climax.)

**Themes:** (List and describe all the important themes in the novel.)

**Connections/Conclusions:** (How does this story relate to your life and experiences?)