Homework Packet for 9th & 10th Grade

Week 26

Name _____

Week Starts on / Due on _____]____]__

Each week you are to complete your homework packet and turn it on the day the teacher assigns. Part of the homework is reading 45 minutes a day. This can be done in after school care and they can read to a younger sibling or an adult as well. Weekend reading is encouraged, each week students can get credit for reading on Saturday and/or Sunday. Reading each day is very important to help each student get better at this skill.

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Weekly Home Reading Record

Day	Reading Material	Amount of Time	How many pages
Weekend			
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			

Total Reading Time: Hours _____ Minutes _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Date: _____

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VOCABULARY BUILDER
WEEK 26
Daily Activity

Monday : Write out the definition of the vocabulary word and the source where you found it. (*note do not use wikipedia*) and break the word down in Syllables.
Example: ABSTRUSE: 2 Syllables , **ab-struse and it sounds like ab-stroos.**

Tuesday : Write a sentence with the vocabulary word (different than the definition of the vocabulary word).

Wednesday : Write a paragraph with the vocabulary word (different than the definition and the sentence with the vocabulary word).

Thursday : Write a 3 to 5 paragraph essay with all the vocabulary words (different than the definition, and sentences you used with the vocabulary word)

Friday : **Turn in all of your work.**

This week's vocabulary words are:

resolve revelry revere reverence rigorous	riposte rouse rudimentary sagacious salvage	sanguine satiate scope scrupulous scrutinize

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READING

Passage I

LITERARY NARRATIVE: This passage is adapted from the essay "Rough Water" by David McGlynn (©2008 by David McGlynn).

One of my best races could hardly be called a race at all. I was a senior in high school, gunning to qualify for the USA Junior Nationals. The previous summer I had missed the cut by less than a second in the mile, and just the day before, at my high school regional meet, I had come within three-tenths of a second in the 500-yard freestyle. The qualification time was 4:39.69; I swam a 4:39.95. The next day, Sunday, I drove with my mother to the far side of Houston where a time trial was being held—an informal, unadvertised event thrown together at the last minute. The only races swum were those the swimmers requested to swim. Most were short, flapping sprints in which swimmers attempted to shave off a few one-hundredths of a second. I didn't have the courage to face the mile, and since I'd struck out in the 500 the day before, I decided to swim the 1,000-yard freestyle. Forty lengths of the pool. It was a race I'd swum fast enough to believe that given the right confluence of circumstances—cold water, an aggressive heat, an energetic meet—I could make the cut. I had fifteen seconds to drop to qualify.

By the time I stood up on the blocks, I was not only the only one in the race, I was practically the only one in the natatorium. The horn sounded and I dove in. I was angry and disheartened at having missed the cut the day before and I had little belief that I could go any faster today.

About six hundred yards in, my coach started to pace. I stayed steady on, not in a hurry, not about to get my hopes up. In my mind, I had already missed the time. Then a boy from a rival high school, whom I hardly knew, unfolded his legs and climbed down from the bleachers and started to cheer. He squatted low to the water and pointed his finger toward the end of the pool, as if to say, *That's where you're going, now hurry up*. I thought, *If he's cheering, maybe I'm close*.

Sometimes a moment comes along when the world slows down, and though everything else moves around us at the same frenetic speed, we're afforded the opportunity to reflect in real-time rather than in retrospect. It is as though we slip into a worm-hole in the fabric of time and space, travel into the past and then back again to the present in the same instant. That morning, swimming, I remembered a day in late September the year before, the last day my swim team had use of an outdoor pool. All summer long my teammates and I swam under an open sky. After this day we would spend the rest of the season in a dank and moldy indoor pool.

The triangular backstroke flags were strung across the lanes and the adjacent diving well. My teammates liked to run down the long cement deck, jump out over the diving well, and try to grab hold of the line. Many of them could jump far enough to make it. I could not, though I tried every day. I tried that day, and missed. Since I would not have another shot until May, I decided to try again. I squared up and ran, my feet wet against the pavement, and just as my foot hit the water's edge, one of my teammates called out "Jump!" I bent my knees and pushed off hard and got my hand around the flag line. I pulled the whole thing into the water. Autumn was coming and I wondered if there was a metaphor in what I had just done; a fortune folded inside a cookie: my greatest effort would come when I was down to my last opportunity.

Now it was March and I was down to my last opportunity, thinking about that day and hearing the word "Jump!" as my eyes followed the finger of the boy pointing me onward. What I understood—not later, but right then, in the water—was how little this swim added up to in the world. I had spent more than a year training for this one swim, and when it was finished the world would be no different than before it began. If no one else cared, then the swim was mine alone. It mattered because it was the task before me *now*, the thing I wanted *now*. Swimming, I had long understood, is a constant choice between the now and the later: exhaustion now for the sake of fitness later, all those Friday nights spent in the pool in pursuit of an end that seemed always one step farther on. I was out of laters, this was the end, and I made my choice. I cashed in the energy I set aside for climbing out of the pool and unfolding my towel and tying my shoes. I've never sprinted harder in my life, not before and not since. I hit the wall. I knew by instinct, by the spasm of my tendons and the ache in my bones, before I ever turned toward the clock or heard my coach scream, that I had made it.

1. The narrator of the passage can best be described as a swimmer who primarily:

A. recalls the swim of his life and the factors that motivated him during that swim.
B. remembers the events that inspired him to participate in a time trial at the Junior Nationals.
C. contrasts the joy of winning competitions early in the season with his later struggles to succeed.
D. chronicles his swimming career, from childhood through high school.

2. Which of the following events mentioned in the passage happened first chronologically?

F. The narrator stood on the blocks at the Sunday time trial his senior year.
G. The narrator leapt out over the diving well in late September.
H. The narrator swam the 500-yard freestyle in the high school regional meet as a senior.
J. The narrator heard a boy from a rival school cheering.

3. The narrator describes the natatorium as being nearly empty of spectators the day of his race in order to:

A. illustrate that the perfect racing conditions the narrator had hoped for weren't likely to occur.
B. demonstrate that, contrary to the narrator's expectations, the meet was energetic.
C. explain why the narrator's coach paced at the sound of the horn.
D. identify why the narrator felt a rush of energy before the race.

4. The narrator indicates that when he swam the 1,000-yard freestyle in the time trials, the world, for a moment, seemed to:

F. speed up, blurring past and present events.
G. rush past, forcing him to reflect in retrospect.
H. move in slow motion, as did everything around him.
J. slow down, allowing him to reflect in real time.

5. The passage indicates that during the narrator's swim at the time trial, he understood for the first time that:

A. his goals would always be one step farther on.
B. he had trained for this swim for over a year.
C. the swim was an event that was important to him alone.
D. swimming is a choice between the now and the later.

6. Based on the passage, the "end" the narrator mentions in line 80 most likely refers to his:

F. final pursuit of fitness.
G. last chance to qualify for Junior Nationals.
H. memory of his final Friday night practice.
J. ultimate realization that he had defeated the other competitors in the race.

7. The narrator of the passage characterizes the time trial in Houston as:

A. one long sprint in which swimmers attempted to improve their times.
B. a meet advertised as a way to qualify for the Junior Nationals.
C. a regional meet that featured only the 500-yard freestyle and 1,000-yard freestyle.
D. an informal swimming event put together at the last minute.

8. The statement "*That's where you're going, now hurry up*" (lines 35–36) can most directly be attributed to the:

F. cheering boy, as he verbally criticizes the narrator's efforts.
G. cheering boy, as he shouts encouragement to the narrator.
H. narrator, as he speculates about what the cheering boy meant when the boy pointed at the pool.
J. narrator, as he angrily contemplates his response to the cheering boy.

9. For the narrator, compared to practicing in the outdoor pool, practicing in the indoor pool is:

A. more productive.
B. more liberating.
C. less appealing.
D. less competitive.

10. When the narrator heard "Jump!" in his mind while swimming (line 67), he was most likely remembering:

F. his teammate's command the day the narrator caught the flag line.
G. his own shout as he leapt off the outdoor pool's deck that fall.
H. the cheers of the boy from the rival school.
J. the abrupt start of his race that Sunday.

Adding/Subtracting 3-Digit Numbers (A)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Calculate each sum or difference.

7690 − 998	5190 − 976	2448 − 788	6435 − 499	8567 − 674
7454 + 462	3506 + 115	4079 + 211	3904 + 277	4194 − 426
1329 − 532	2733 + 664	1446 + 839	8433 + 479	4272 + 349
7863 + 997	3119 − 527	1912 − 186	4584 + 657	3065 + 969
4716 + 724	8976 + 638	4851 + 813	8518 + 231	1554 + 481

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WEEK 26
Use R.A.C.E. Strategy for Math

Example:
Joshua has 32 donuts. He organizes them in boxes. Each box holds 12 donuts. How many boxes of donuts will Joshua have?

R (Restate the question) in your own words	Joshua will have ____ boxes of donuts.
A (Answer the question)	Joshua will have 3 boxes of donuts.
C (Cite the evidence)	I will determine how many boxes of 12 are required to fit all the donuts by dividing the number of donuts (32) by the number that can fit in each box (12). If I need part of a box I will round the solution up to the nearest whole number. 32 ÷ 12 = 2.666 Rounded up is 3
E (Explanation)	Joshua will have 3 boxes of donuts. I determined how many boxes of 12 are required to fit all the donuts by dividing the number of donuts (32) by the number that can fit in each box (12). Since I needed slightly more than two boxes, I rounded my solution to the nearest whole number.

WORD PROBLEMS

1. A national park keeps track of how many people per car enter the park. Today, 57 cars had 4 people, 61 cars had 2 people, 9 cars had 1 person, and 5 cars had 5 people. What is the average number of people per car? Round to the nearest person.

2. A large pipe dispenses 750 gallons of water in 50 seconds. At this rate, how long will it take to dispense 330 gallons?

3. The light on a lighthouse blinks 45 times a minute. How long will it take the light to blink 405 times?

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QUESTION 1

R (Restate the question) in your own words	
A (Answer the question)	
C (Cite the evidence)	
E (Explanation)	

QUESTION 2

R (Restate the question) in your own words	
A (Answer the question)	
C (Cite the evidence)	
E (Explanation)	

QUESTION 3

R (Restate the question) in your own words	
A (Answer the question)	
C (Cite the evidence)	
E (Explanation)	

MAKE SURE THAT ALL YOUR WORK IS COMPLETED BEFORE YOU TURN IT IN.