**8th Grade Summer Reading:**

**Character Letter**

In this assignment, you will write from the perspective of one of the characters in your summer reading book. (This is called first person perspective, so you’ll need to use the pronoun “I.”)

From the point of view of the character, write about TWO of the following:

1. What the conflict is about and how you overcome it (or not)
2. Your mentor or friend and why this person is important
3. How you grow or change in the story and why
4. What is special about the setting and how it affects the plot

Include an introduction with the title of the book and the author’s name as well. At the top of your letter, identify which of the two options you have selected to write about. Letter should be at least one page.

**Example:**

(questions 1 and 2)

Dear Mr. Saling,

My name is Beatrice Prior, and Veronica Roth wrote about my story in the book *Divergent*. My life was pretty dull as a member of the Abnegation faction. In this group, everyone wears gray, and the main focus is putting other people’s needs first. The trouble with that is I’m not selfless. *[🡨introduction*]

On my sixteenth birthday, I had to make this huge decision whether to stay a member of this group or choose a different faction. The test I took, which should have identified the perfect faction for me, was inconclusive. In fact, it said I was “divergent,” which apparently is bad. I can’t tell anyone that I’m divergent, not even my parents. I decided to pick the Dauntless faction. I know this broke my parents’ hearts because I can never return to them again, but the truth is I don’t think I’d be able to live up to the Abnegation standards. The Dauntless are the opposite of Abnegation. They’re loud and rowdy and wear black and have tattoos. They jump on and off trains. *Moving* trains! The scariest part of this process is if I don’t make the cut, if I don’t pass the initiation process, I become factionless and will have to live on the streets. What’s worse is I might not even survive the process. We have to zip-line off skyscrapers and fight each other. I’ve never fought anyone in my entire life! As an initiate, I have to battle against kids who grew up as Dauntless and trained their whole lives for this. [*Now explain how you deal with the conflict*] [*🡨Q1*]

[*Now write a paragraph about Q2, Q3, or Q4*]

Sincerely,

Tris (my new Dauntless name.)