

Joliet Township District #204

2012 Summer Reading assignment

College Prep, Honors, and AP

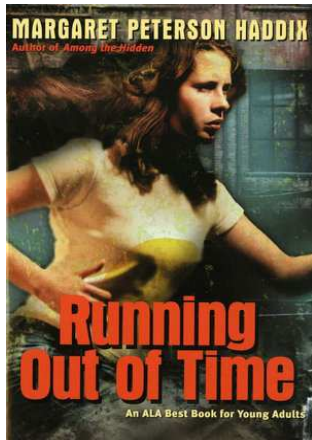
WHO: All students enrolled in **College Prep, Honors, and AP** classes will read *Half a Life*, by Darin Strauss.

WHEN: The book should be read and studied before the first day of school, August 20th. The author, Darin Strauss, will visit both West and Central Campuses during the week of September 9th-12th with planned book signing opportunities.

WHAT: Students will complete an in-class writing assignment during the first week of school in their English classes without using their books or notes. Also, a closer study of the book will be a part of the students' English classes.

Purpose for Reading for *Half A Life*:

- *examine the author's journey over the course of the entire book
- *notice how he copes with life-changing events
- *assess the relationships between the author and people in his life
- *take note of the life lessons the author learned
- *find connections made between the author and the reader
- *determine the role time plays in the book
- *analyze the style the author uses to convey his story



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2012 Summer Reading Assignment for Instructional Classes

WHO: Students enrolled in **Instructional** classes will read *Running Out of Time*, by Margaret Peterson Haddix.

WHEN: The book should be read and studied before the first day of school, August 20th.

WHAT: Students will complete in-class assignments during the first week of school in their English classes. Also, a closer study of the book will be a part of the students' English classes.

Purpose for Reading *Running Out of Time* by Margaret Peterson Haddix:

- *examine Jessie's journey over the course of the entire book
- *notice how she copes with life-changing events
- *take notes of the life lessons the main character learned
- *determine the role time plays in the book
- *compare and contrast what Jessie thought her community was to reality