

9th Grade English Standard Summer Reading Assignment 2017

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Melinda Sordino busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops. Now her old friends won't talk to her, and people she doesn't even know hate her from a distance. The safest place to be is alone, inside her own head. But even that's not safe. Because there's something she's trying not to think about...she would have to speak the truth.

Melinda experiences many difficulties as a result of attending the party. These difficulties cause Melinda to change in different areas of her life. Your task is to answer all **three questions below** in order to reflect on the changes Melinda experiences. Each paragraph must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Must be 5-8 complete, well-developed sentences in length
- Include specific details or events from the novel that support your responses (give page numbers)
- Follow general grammar and punctuation rules

Paragraph 1: How does Melinda change as a student throughout the novel?

Paragraph 2: How does Melinda change as a daughter throughout the novel?

Paragraph 3: How does Melinda change as a friend throughout the novel?

Begin each paragraph by stating how Melinda's characteristics change.

Example: As a..., Melinda used to be..., but as a result of events at the party, Melinda is....