

Incoming 7th-Grade Summer Reading

Step One: Purchase *The Wave* by Todd Strasser. You will need your own copy of the book for the summer reading and for the first few weeks of school. You may also want to buy small post-it-notes to tab pages where you find important quotes and ideas. This will help you remember what you read and help you complete the assignment below. Since you will own the book, you may also write notes in the margins.

You may buy it anyplace, but here is the Amazon link:

https://www.amazon.com/Wave-Laurel-Leaf-contemporary-fiction/dp/0440993717/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1466441860&sr=1-1&keywords=the+wave

Step Two: Review the assignment choices before reading the book, so you can mark pages that you would like to refer back to while writing.

Step Three: Read the book.

Step Four: Choose ONE of the following assignments to complete. Be sure to include **specific details or ideas** from the story. The assignment may be typed or handwritten. Length: 2-3 pages 12-point font, double-spaced or handwritten without skipping lines. NOTE: The first two questions do not need to be answered in a formal essay. Correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation, however, are required for all three assignments.

1. Describe the similarities between *The Wave* and the Nazi movement. How does *The Wave* change both Mr. Ross and his students? Do you think something like the Holocaust could happen again? Explain.
2. How does *The Wave* affect David, Laurie, Amy, Robert, and Ben Ross? How do their reactions to *The Wave* affect their decision to support or oppose it? Explain.
3. Pretend you are a student in Mr. Ross's class. Write three journal entries--one from the beginning, one from the middle, and one from the end of Mr. Ross's experiment. How would you have reacted at each stage?